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FOR YEARS THERE HAS ALWAYS
BEEN THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR GOOD, PROTECTING
THE INNOCENT OF KNOTHOLE AND ABROAD.
AS WITH EVERY STORY THERE IS A BEGINNING.
THESE FIVE HEROES WOULD GO ON
TO INSPIRE GENERATIONS TO COME. MOST NOTABLY,
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND THE PRESENT DAY
FREEDOM FIGHTERS. THIS IS THE STORY OF

THE ORIGINAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS

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THE ORIGINAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS PART 1

COL. STRIPE



MP BONES



PRIVATE SCALES



SIR PECKERS



SPOT LONG



...INTERESTING !



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IT SAYS
THEY'RE THE FIRST
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS.



BUT THESE
ARE NO FREEDOM
FIGHTERS I EVER
HEARD OF.



LET ME **SEE**, IT SAYS
THEY WERE **LED** BY A **RETIRED**
COLONEL OF THE **GREAT**
WAR NAMED **TIG STRIPE**...

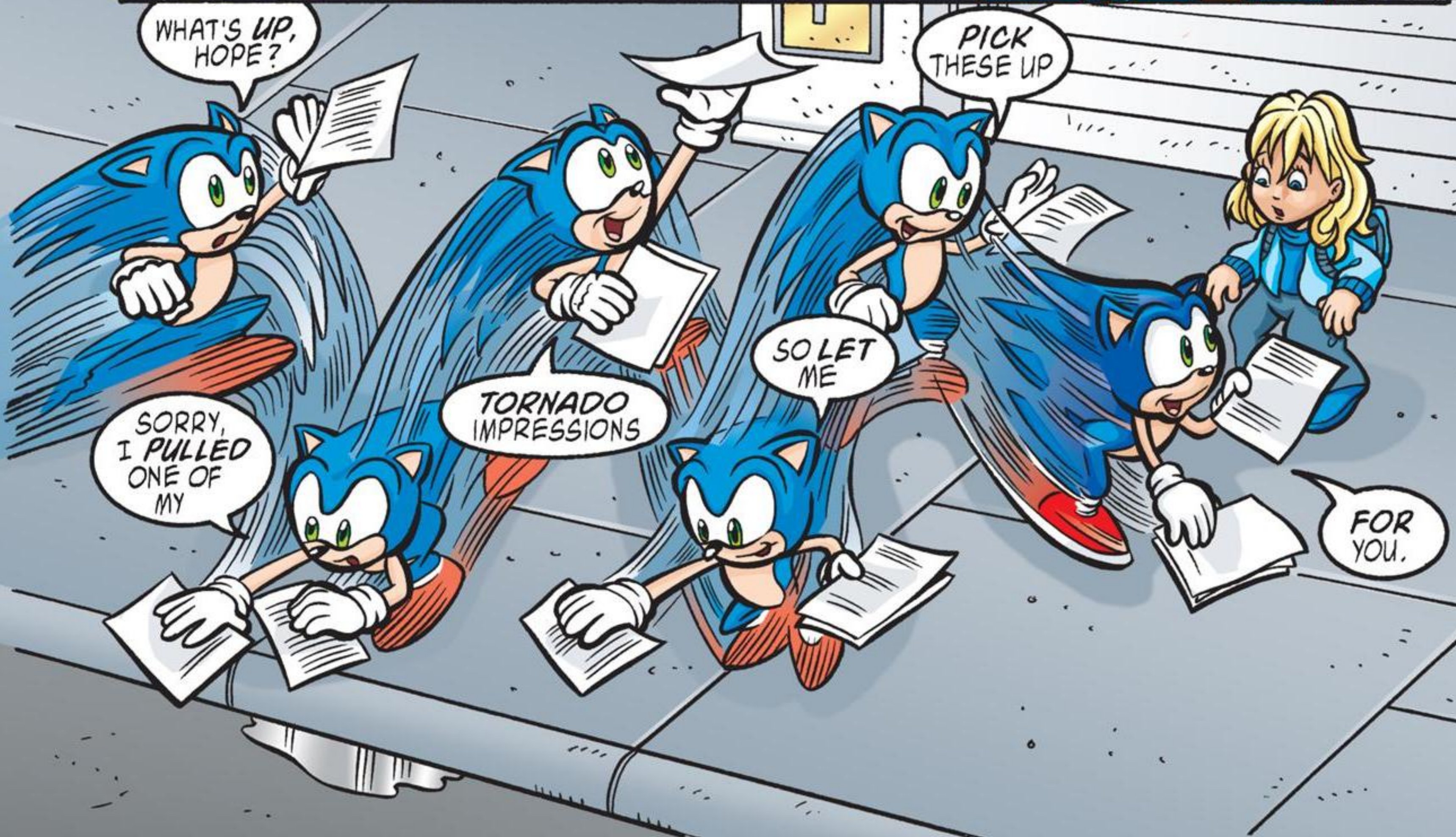


HI, HOPE.
HOPE?

DIDN'T EVEN
HEAR ME. HER
HEAD IS **ALWAYS**
IN THE CLOUDS.



OH, NO... MY
RESEARCH!



WHAT'S UP,
HOPE?

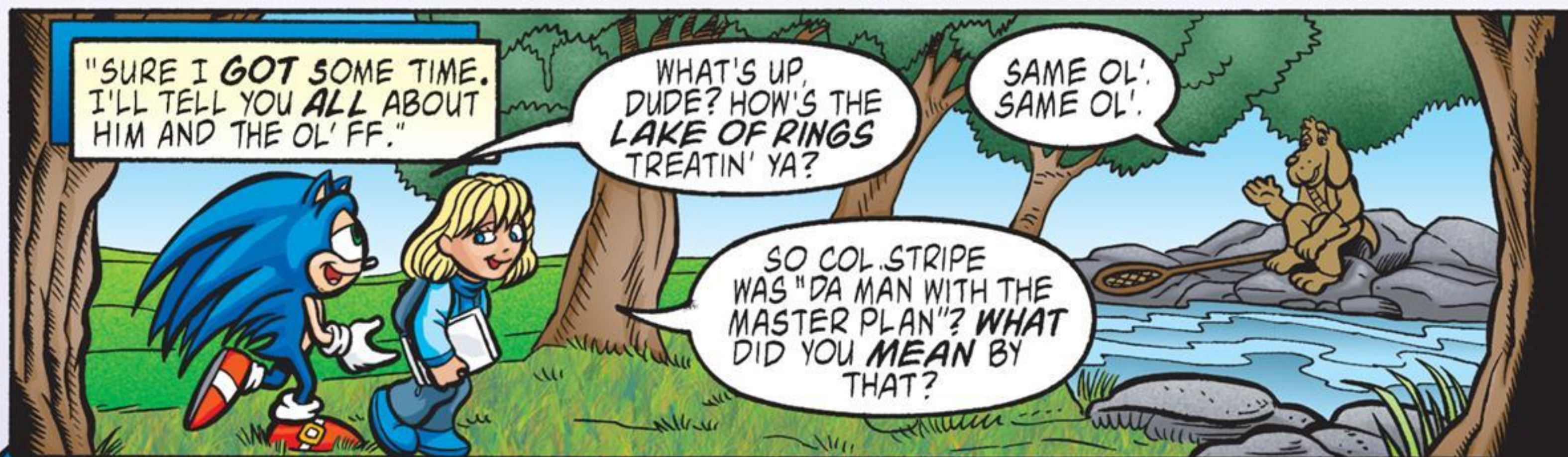
SORRY,
I **PULLED**
ONE OF MY

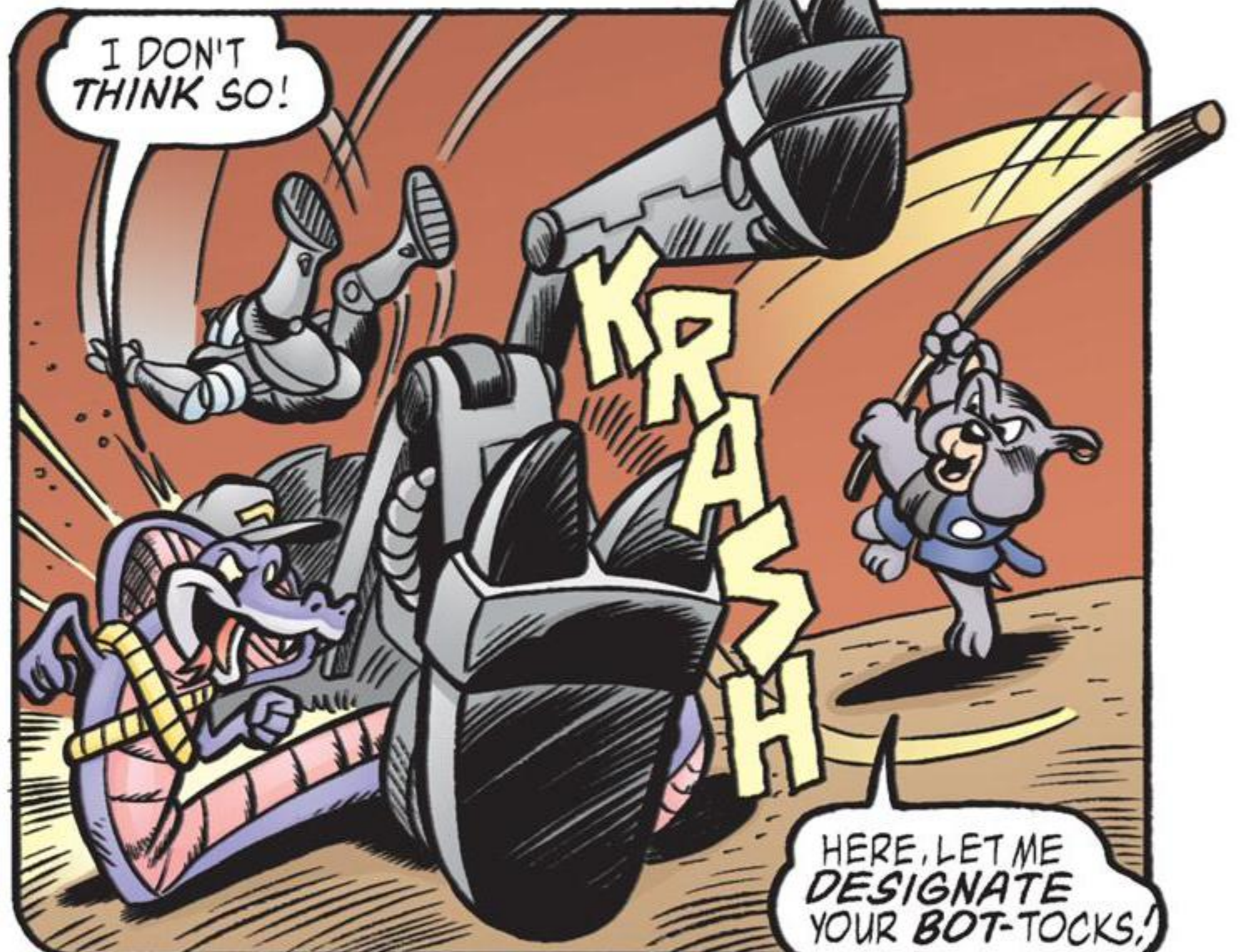
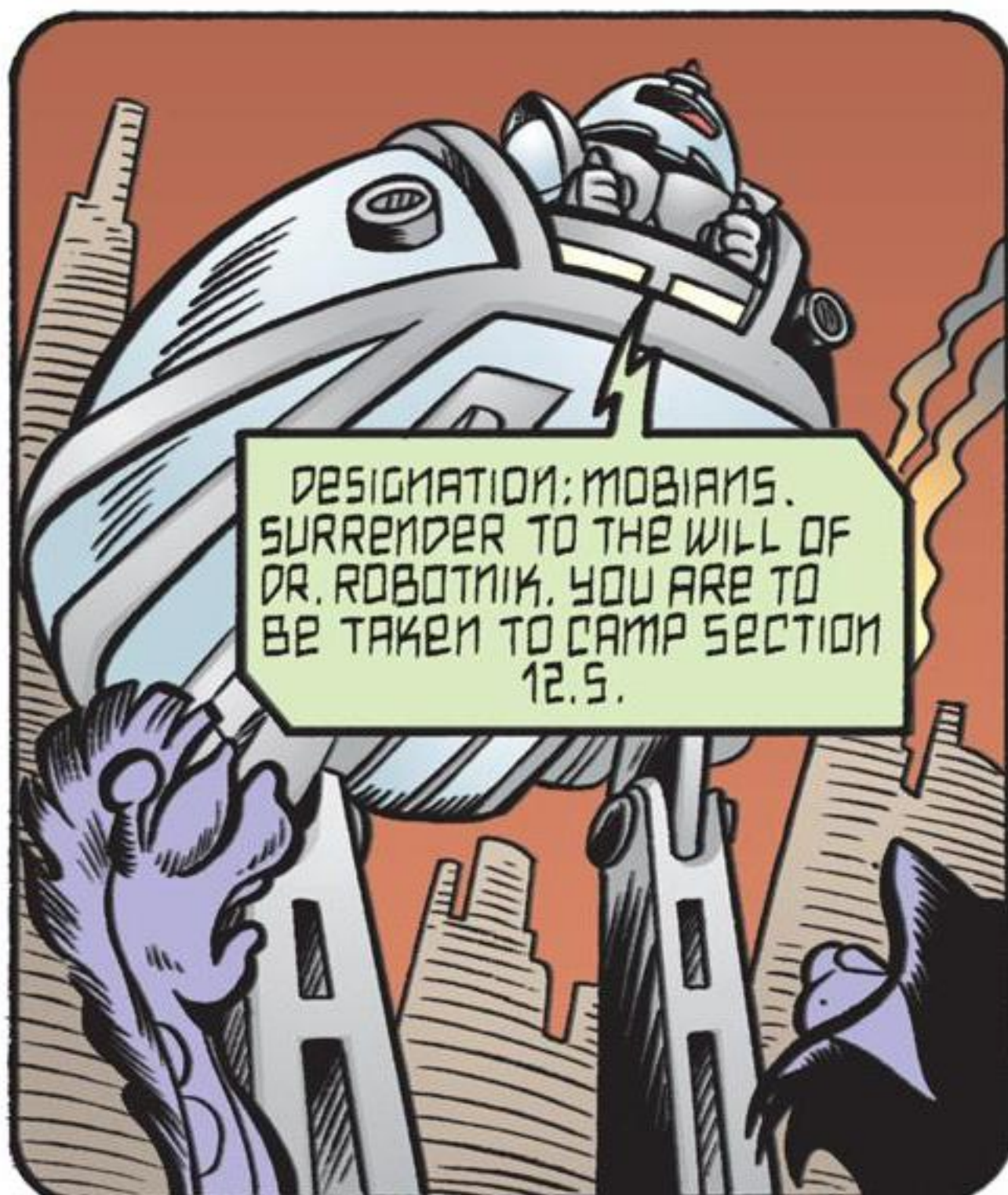
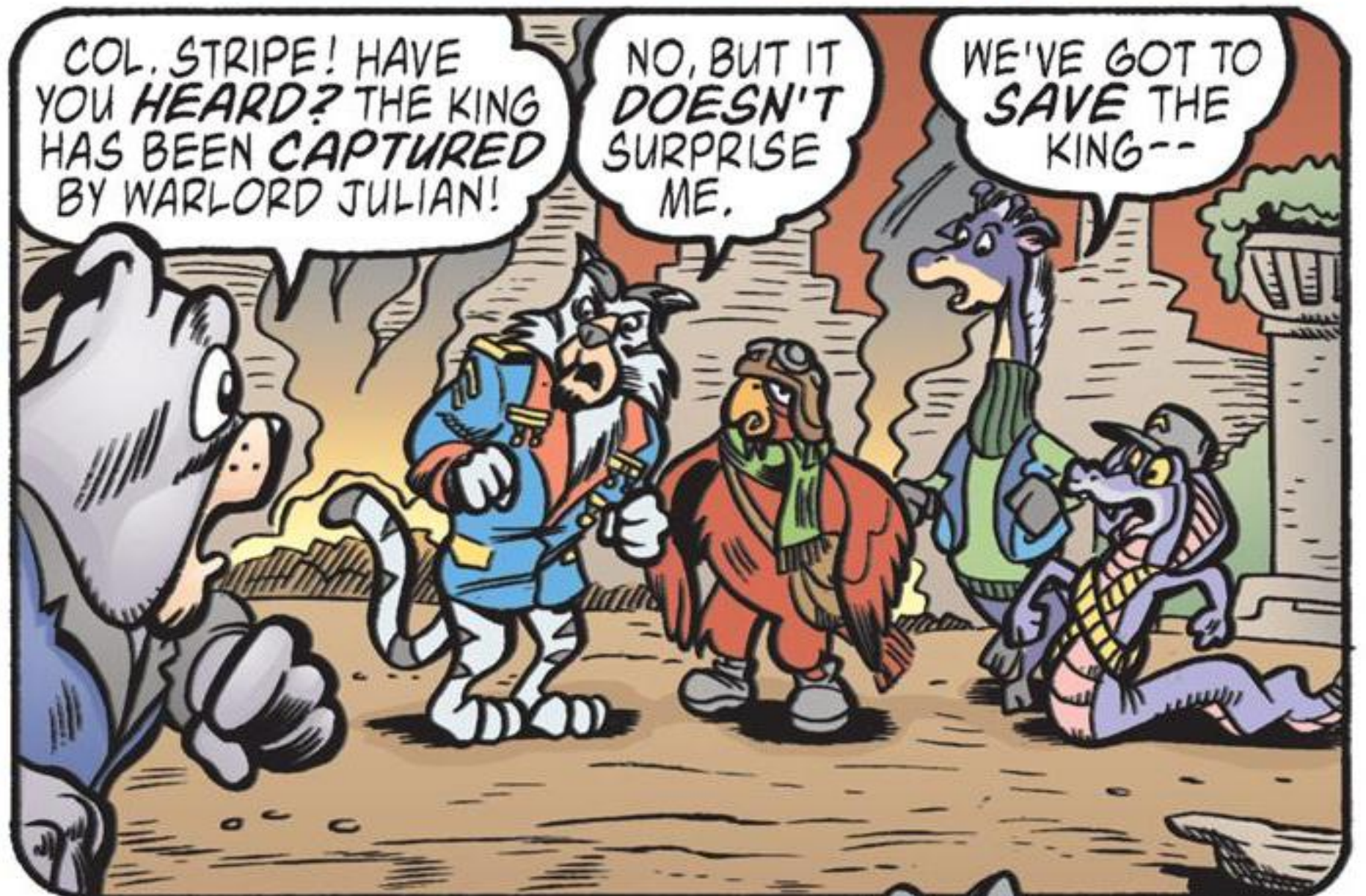
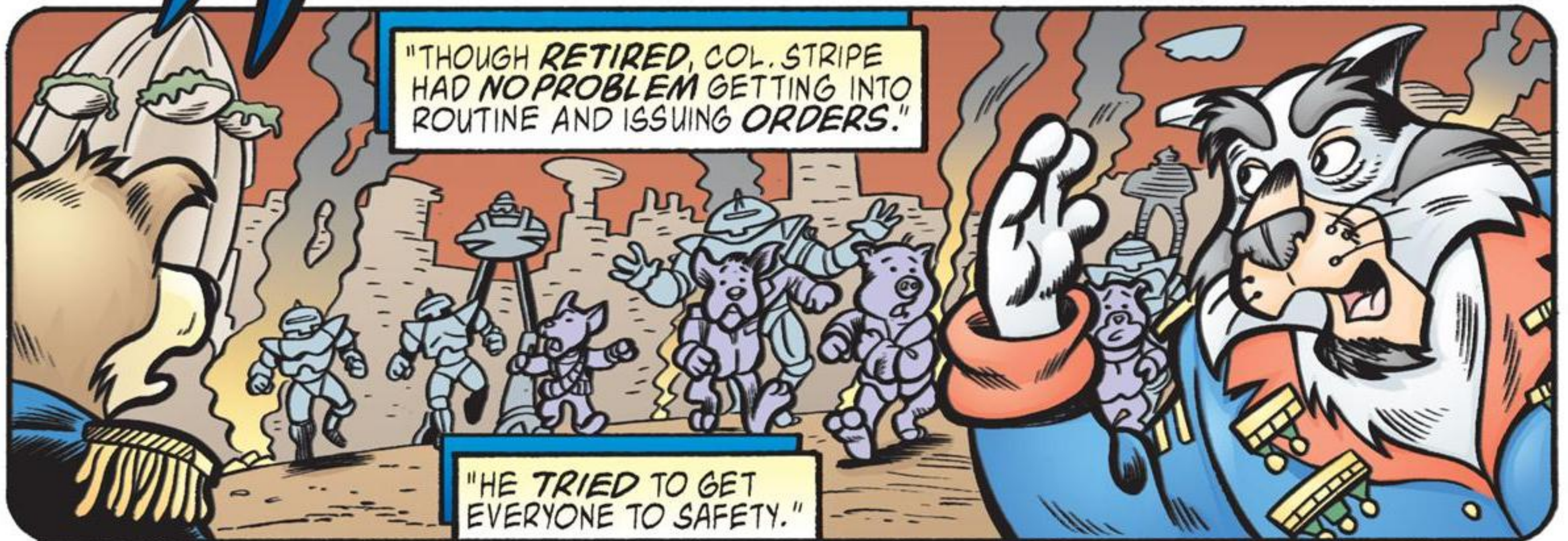
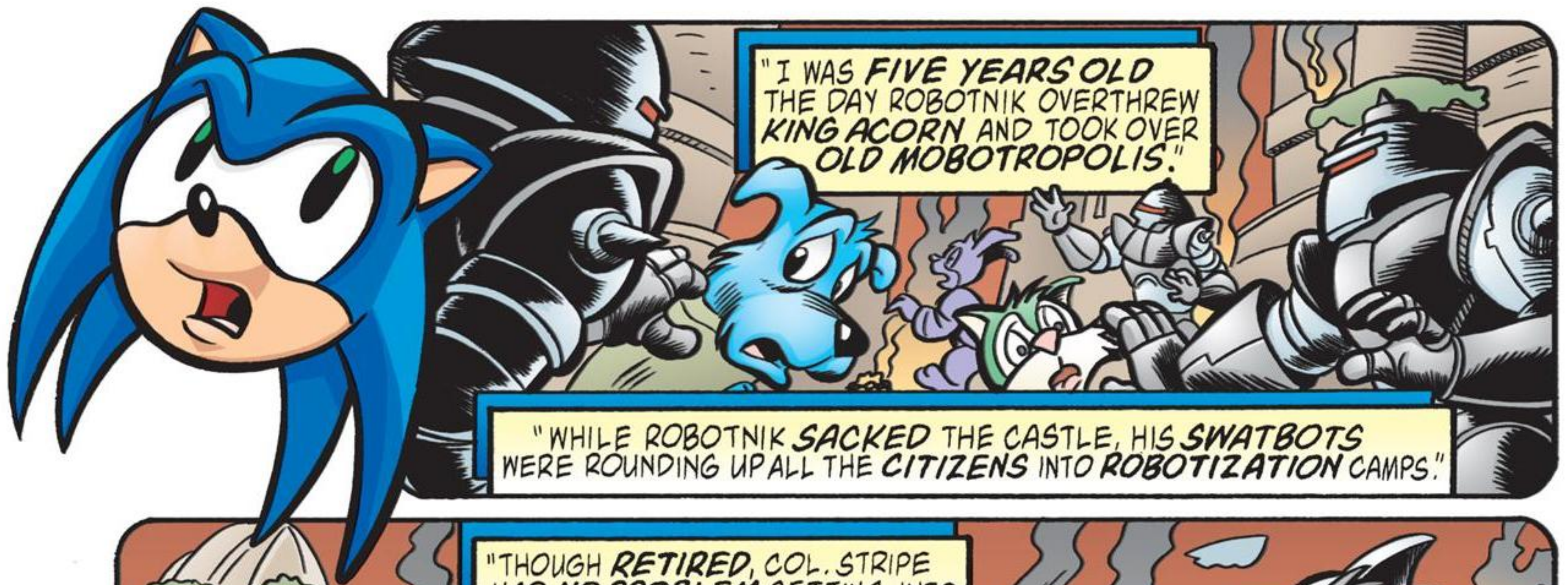
TORNADO
IMPRESSIONS

SO LET
ME

PICK
THESE UP

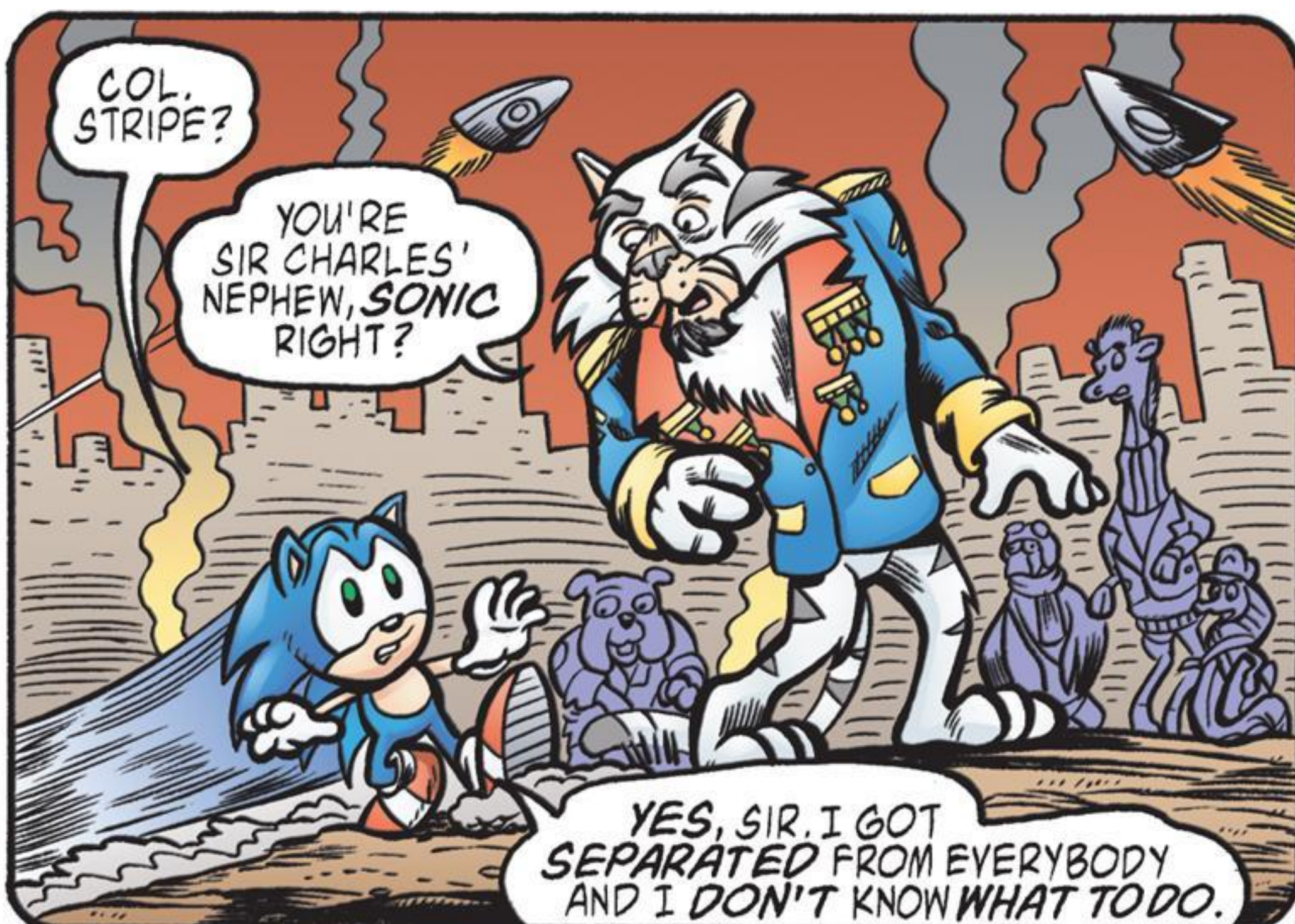
FOR
YOU.







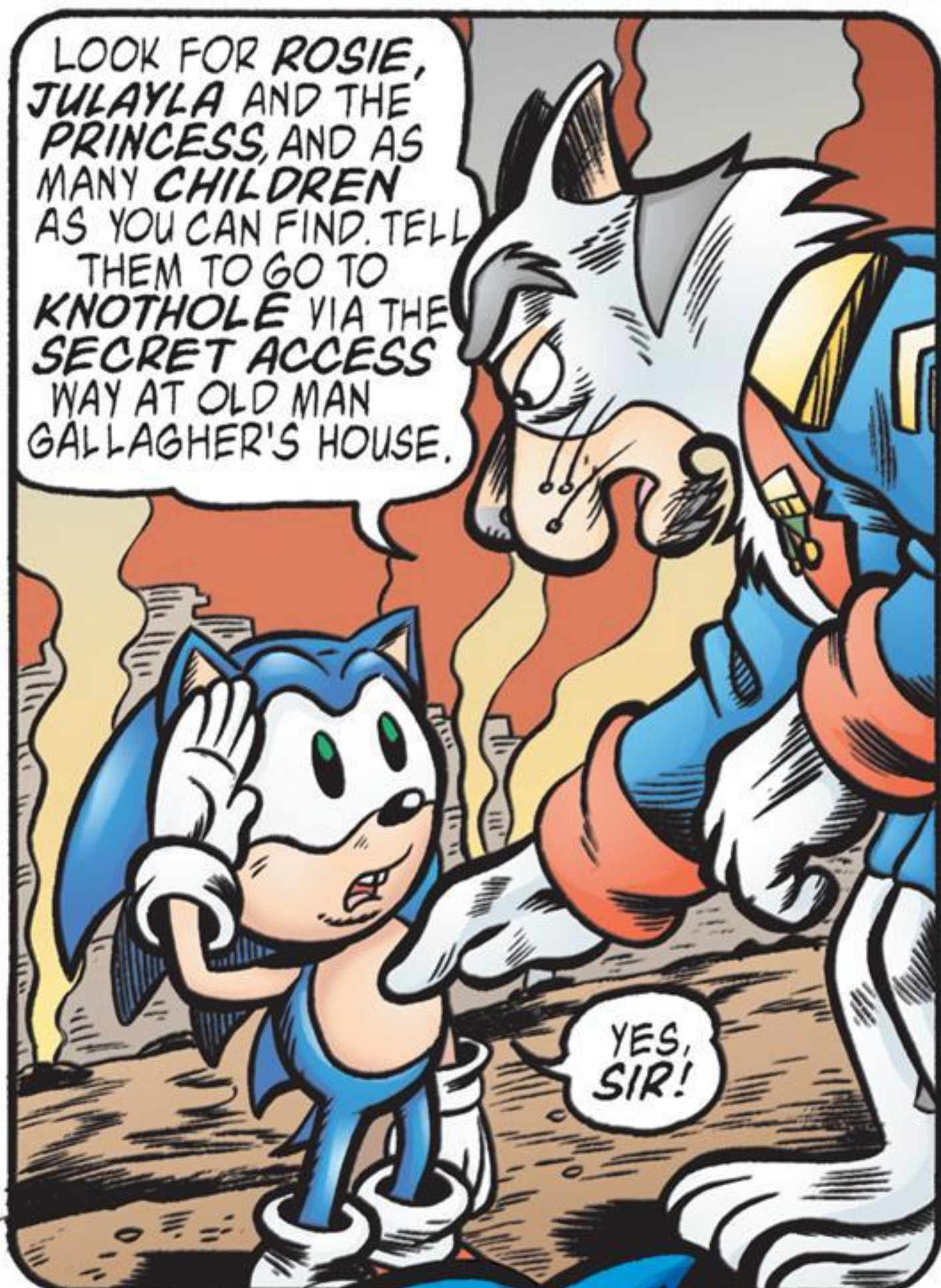
C'MON, SIR,
LET'S TAKE BACK
THE CITY.



COL.
STRIPE?

YOU'RE
SIR CHARLES'
NEPHEW, **SONIC**
RIGHT?

YES, SIR. I GOT
SEPARATED FROM EVERYBODY
AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

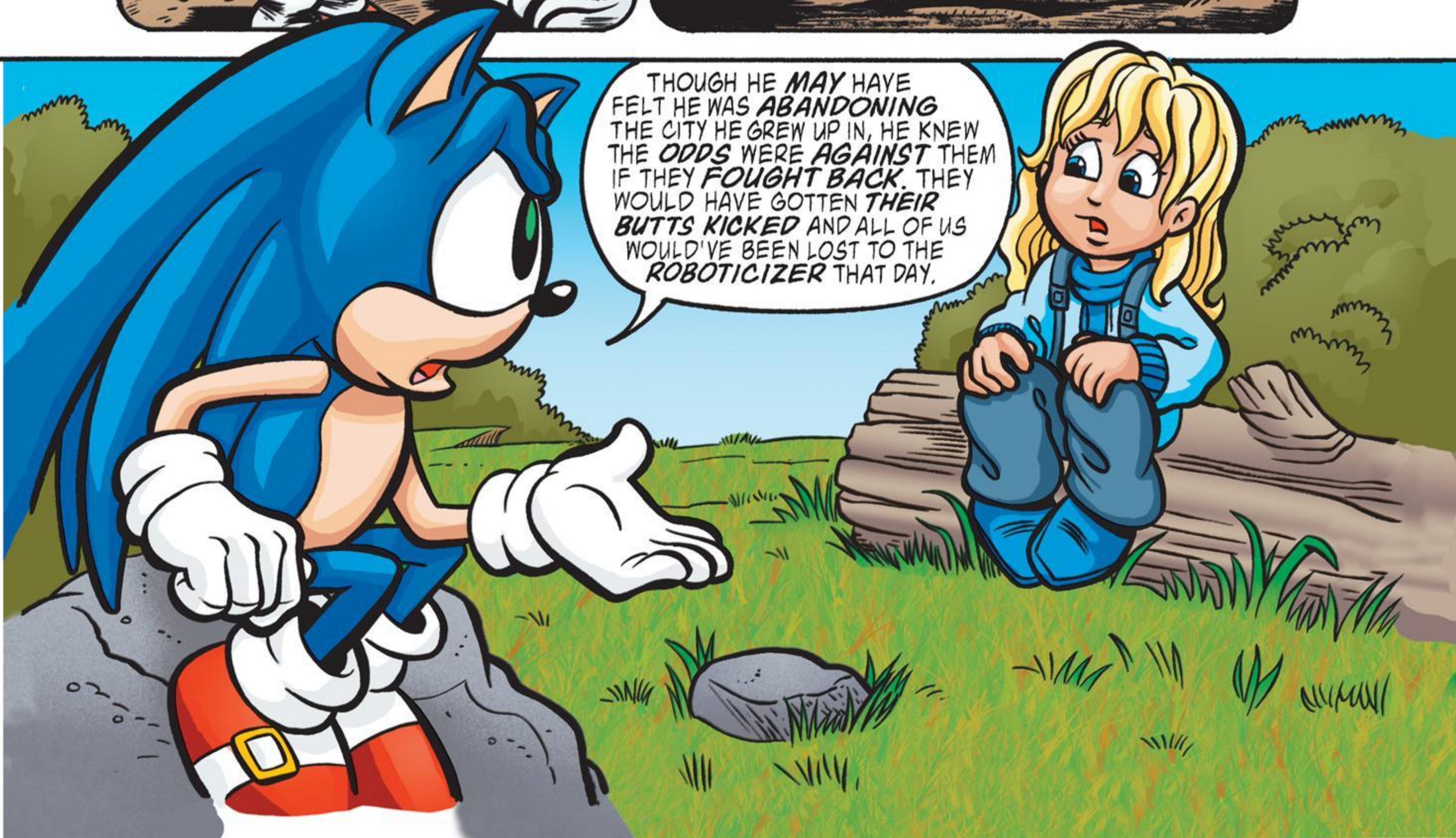


LOOK FOR **ROSIE**,
JULAYLA AND THE
PRINCESS, AND AS
MANY **CHILDREN**
AS YOU CAN FIND. TELL
THEM TO GO TO
KNOTHOLE VIA THE
SECRET ACCESS
WAY AT OLD MAN
GALLAGHER'S HOUSE.

YES,
SIR!



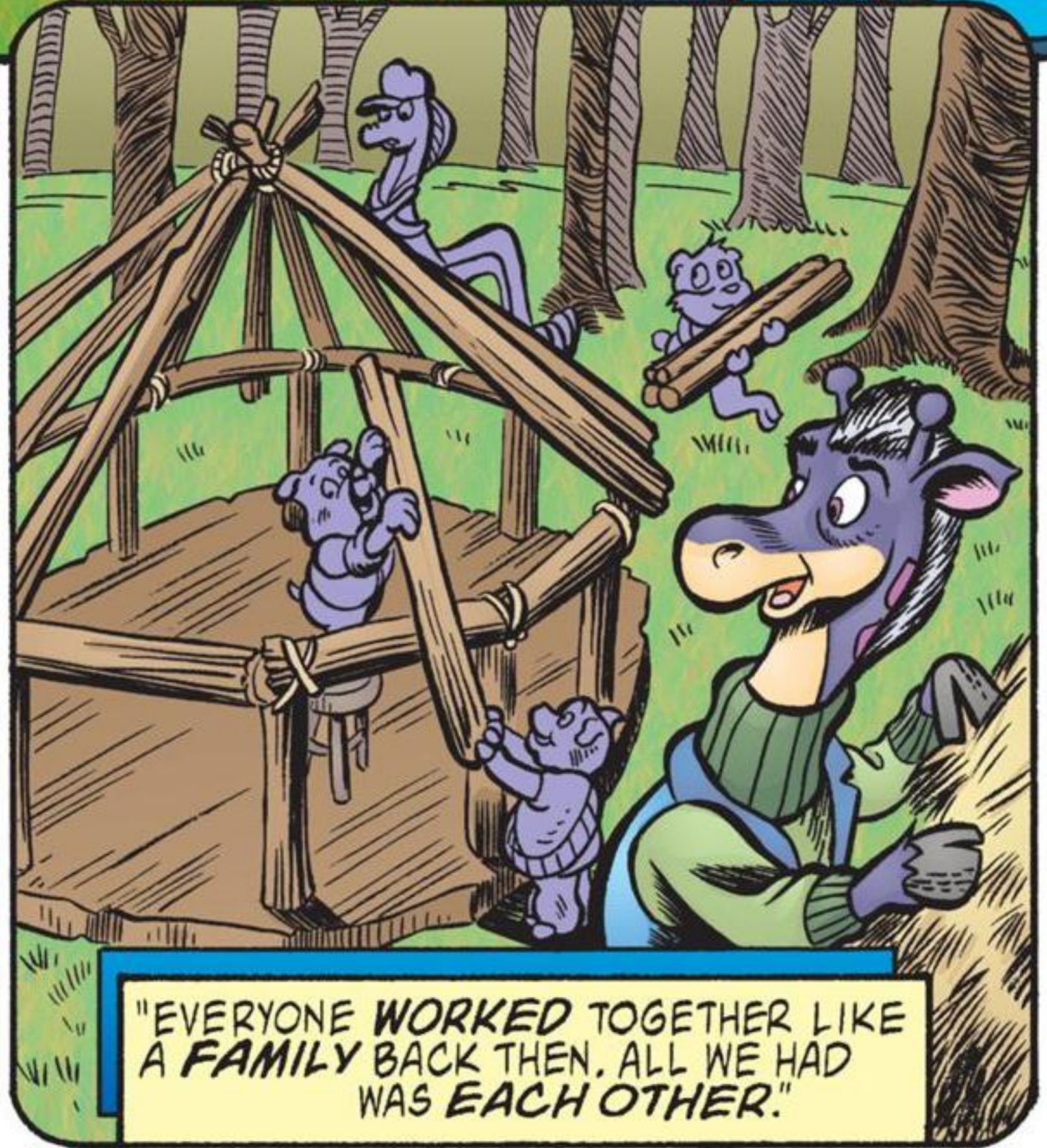
SAME GOES FOR THE
REST OF YOU. **MOBOTROPOLIS**
IS LOST. OUR **PRIORITY** IS TO
SAVE AS MANY **MOBIANS** AS WE
CAN **NOW**. WE WILL **TAKE BACK**
WHAT IS OURS AND **SAVE THE**
KING WHEN THE TIME IS **RIGHT**
FOR **KNOTHOLE**.



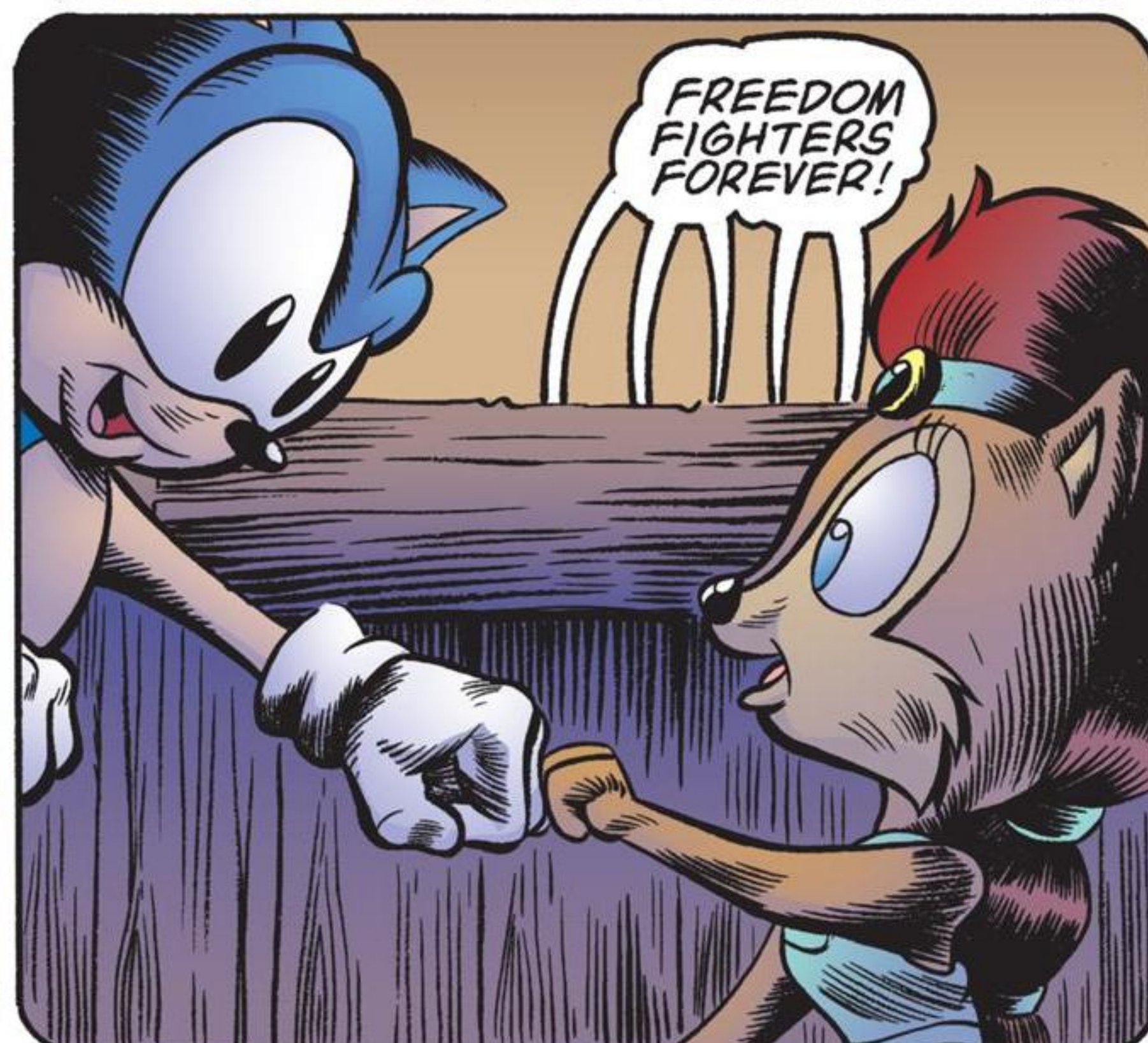
THOUGH HE **MAY** HAVE
FELT HE WAS **ABANDONING**
THE CITY HE GREW UP IN, HE KNEW
THE **ODDS** WERE **AGAINST** THEM
IF THEY **FOUGHT BACK**. THEY
WOULD HAVE GOTTEN **THEIR**
BUTTS KICKED AND ALL OF US
WOULD'VE BEEN LOST TO THE
ROBOTICIZER THAT DAY.

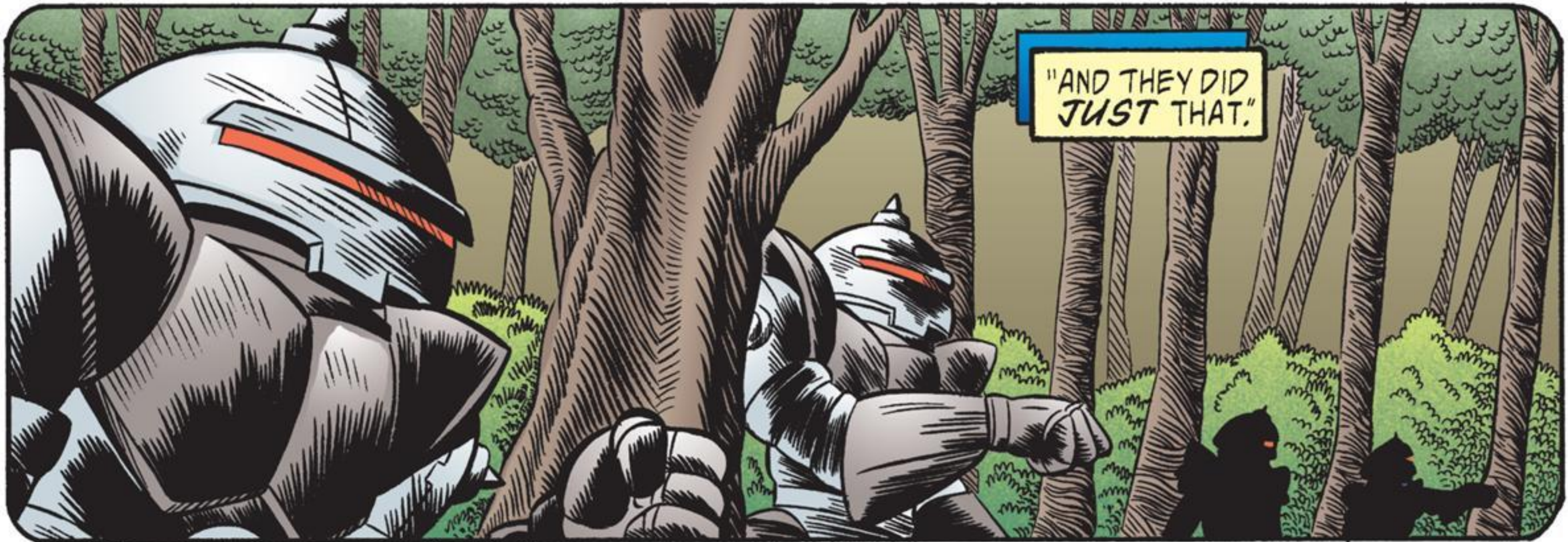


"IT WAS UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP THAT KNOTHOLE BECAME AN EFFICIENT COOL VILLAGE WE COULD ALL LIVE IN."

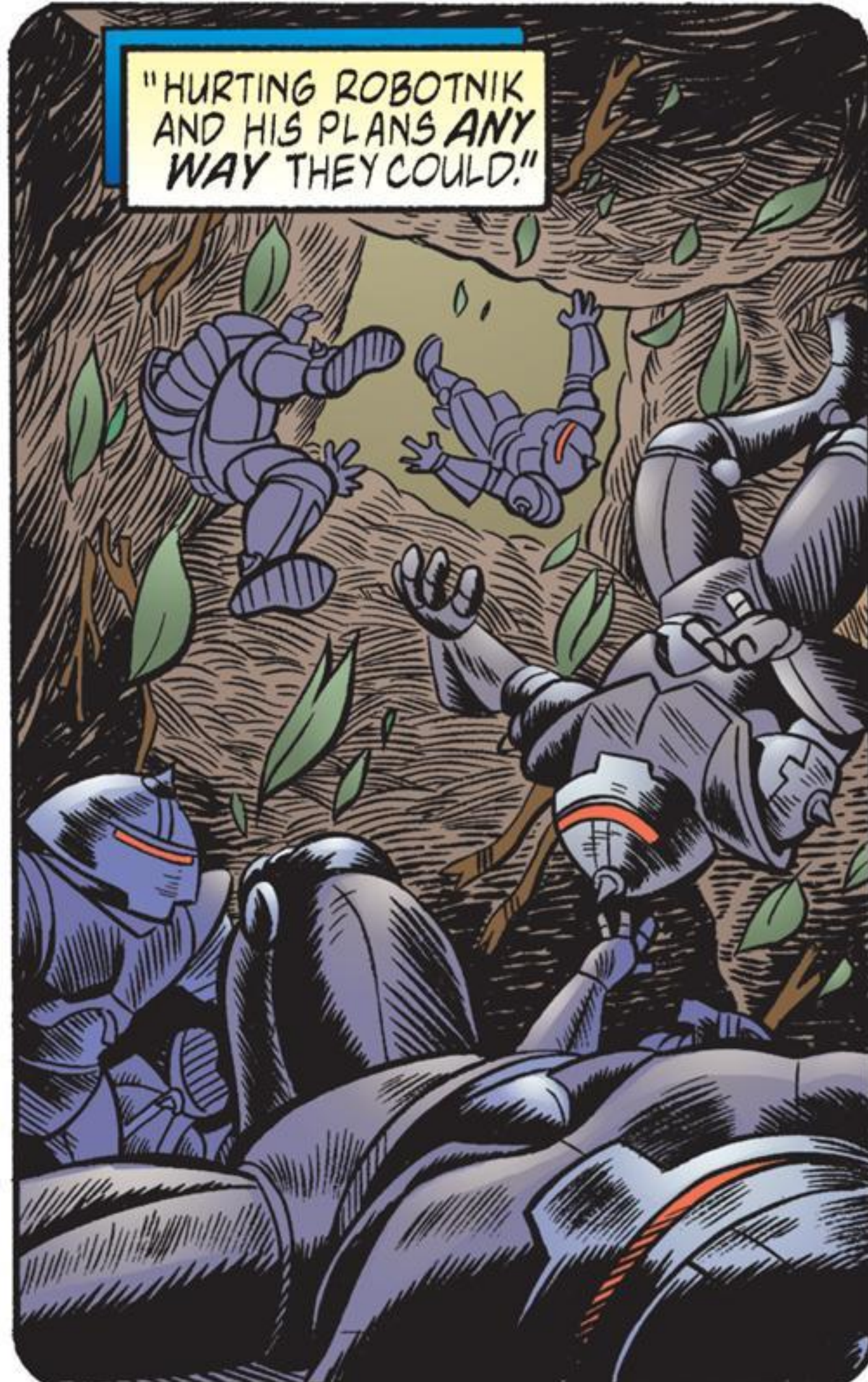








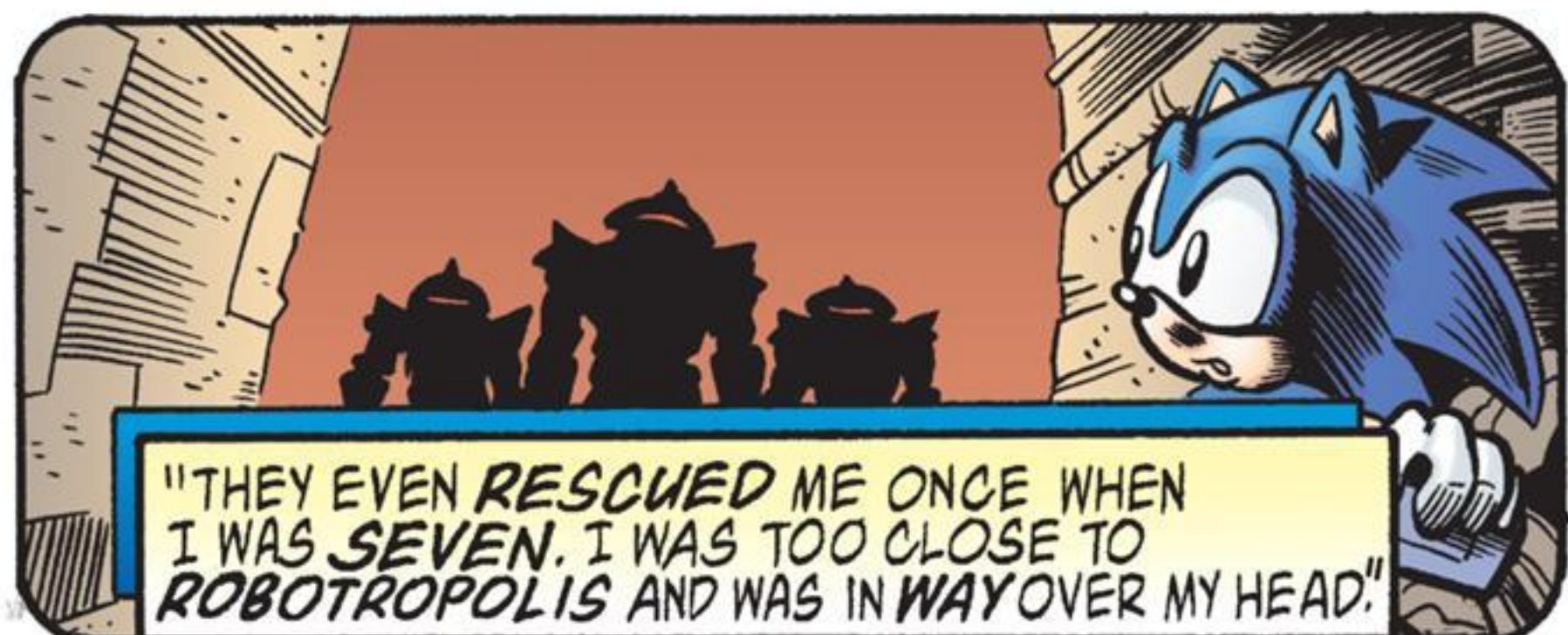
"AND THEY DID
JUST THAT."



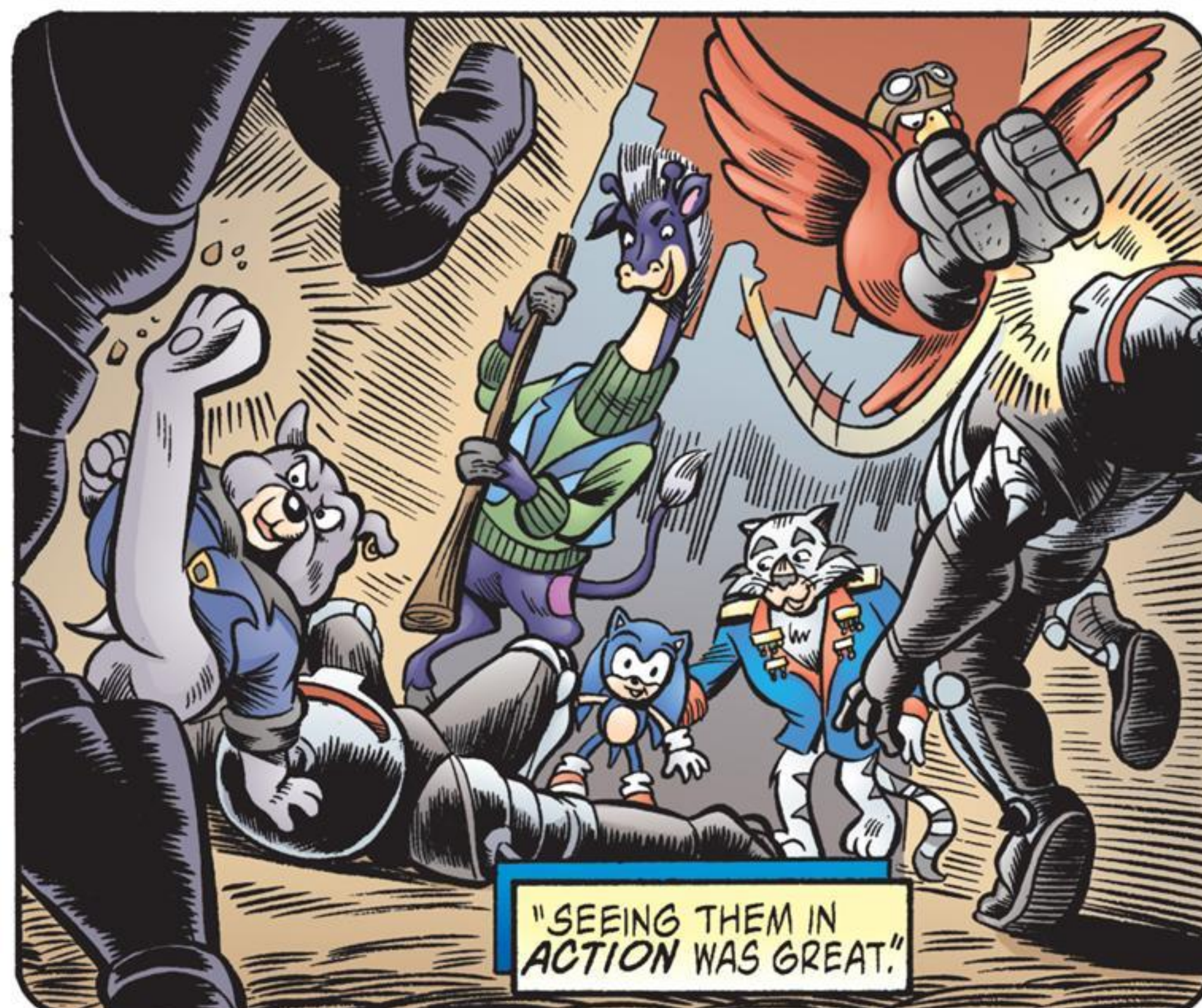
"HURTING ROBOTNIK
AND HIS PLANS *ANY*
WAY THEY COULD."



"THEY RAIDED FACTORIES FOR
SUPPLIES AND DESTROYED THEM TO
STOP 'EM FROM BEING *USED* AGAIN!"



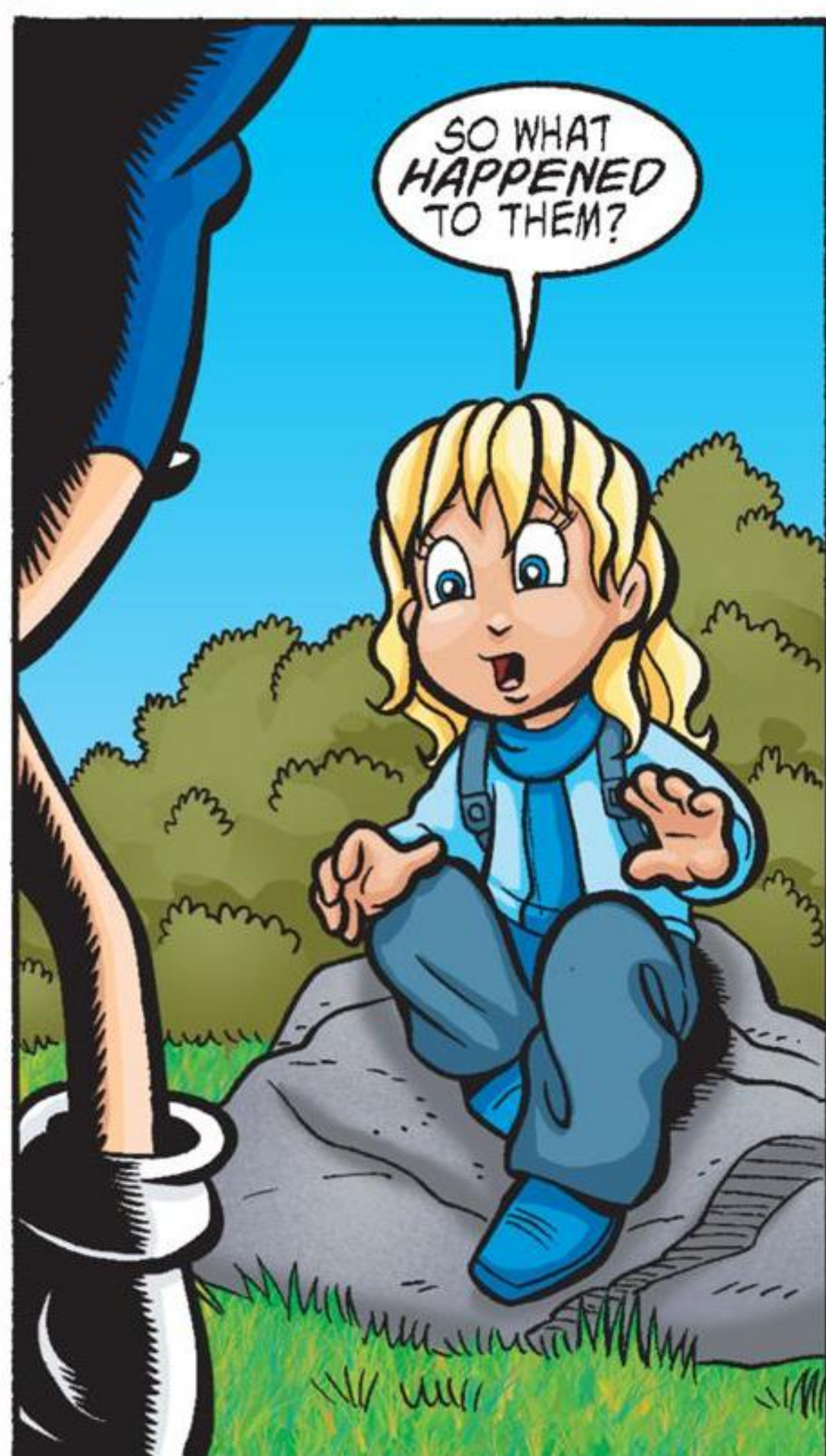
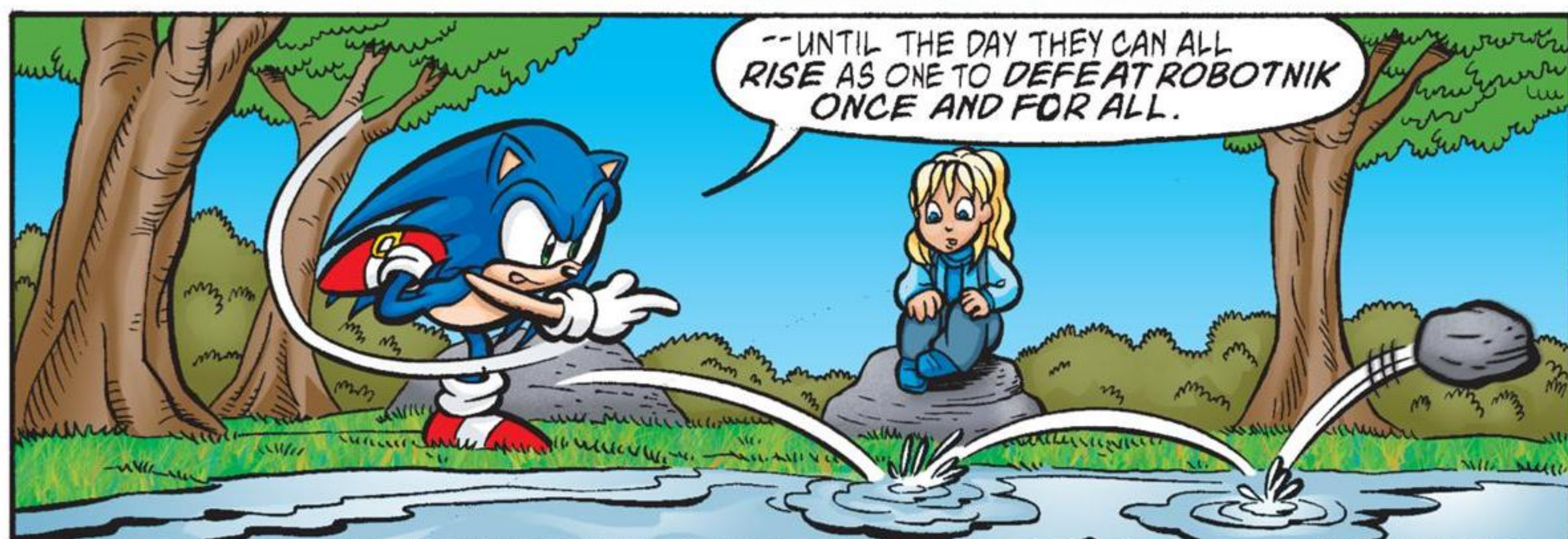
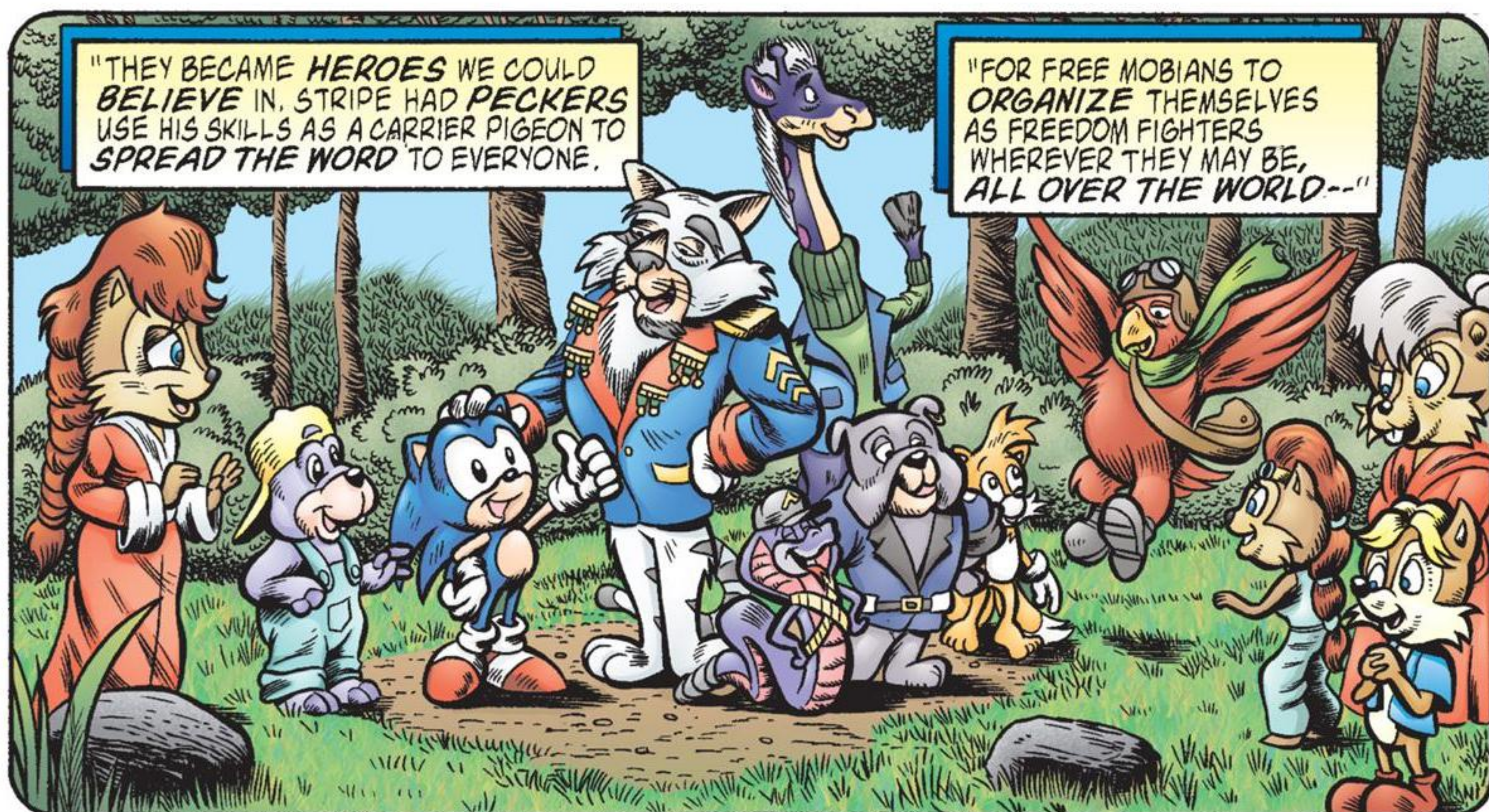
"THEY EVEN *RESCUED* ME ONCE WHEN
I WAS *SEVEN*. I WAS TOO CLOSE TO
ROBOTROPOLIS AND WAS IN *WAY* OVER MY HEAD!"



"SEEING THEM IN
ACTION WAS GREAT."



"I REALLY LIKED COL.
STRIPE. HE WAS COOL WITH
ME AND I WANTED TO BE
JUST LIKE HIM--
A FREEDOM FIGHTER"



AMY
ROSE
in

I WANNA BE A
FREEDOM
FIGHTER!

I WANNA.
I WANNA.
I WANNA.
I WANNA.
I WANNA.

PLEASE...
YOU *MUST*
UNDERSTAND, AMY,
YOU ARE WAY
TOO YOUNG AND
INEXPERIENCED TO
BE A *FREEDOM*
FIGHTER.

AND
TAILS?

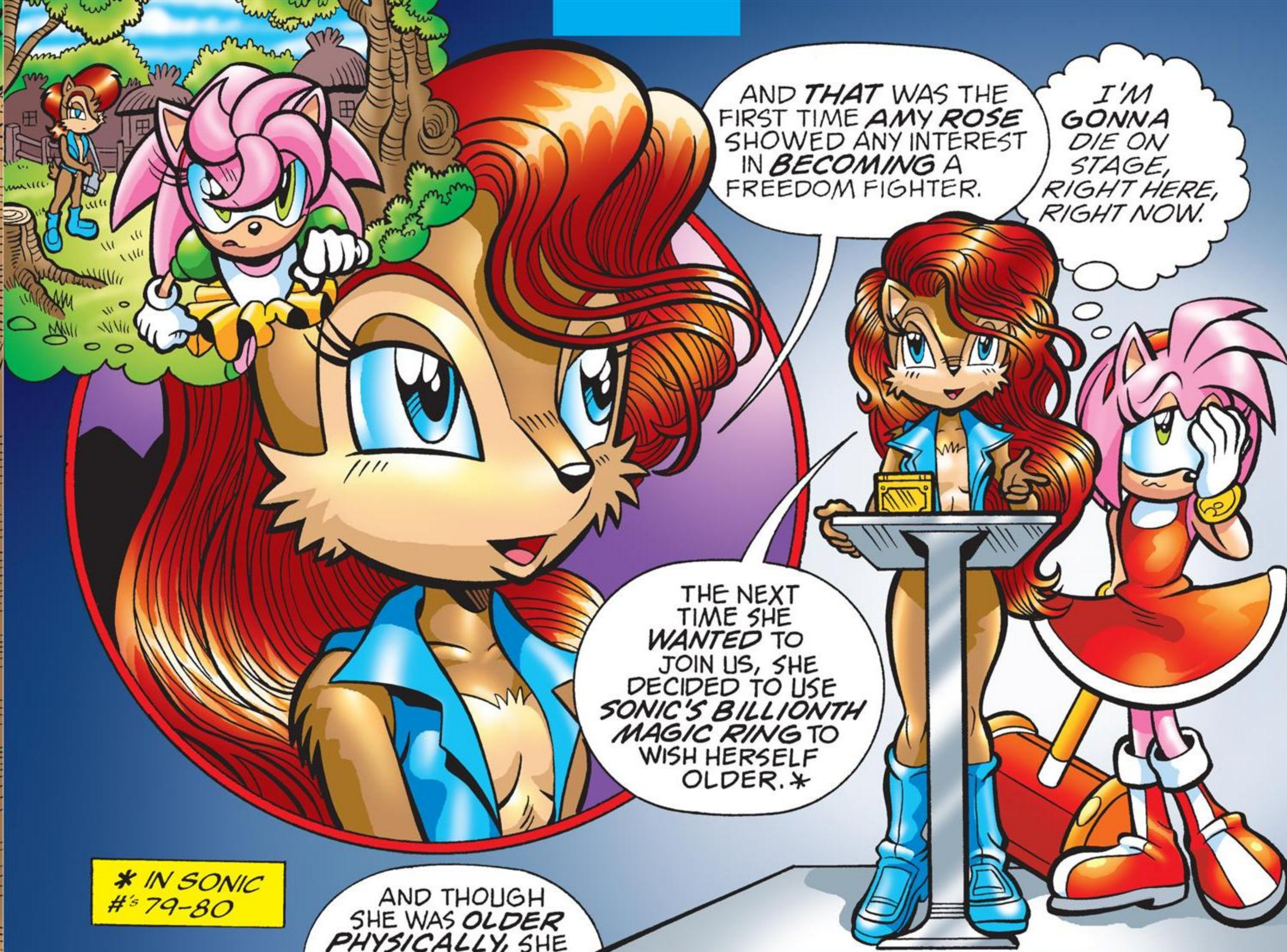
HE
MAY
BE YOUNG,
BUT HIS
EXPERIENCE
MORE THAN
MAKES UP
FOR IT.

YOU'RE
JUST *SAYING*
THAT BECAUSE YOU
WANT TO KEEP
SONIC ALL TO
YOURSELF.
HMPH.

≡SIGH≡

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE FINE TEAM OF:

ROMY CHACON • WRITER STEVEN BUTLER • PENCILER
JIM AMASH • INKER JOHN WORKMAN • LETTERER
JASON JENSEN • COLORIST



AND *THAT* WAS THE FIRST TIME *AMY ROSE* SHOWED ANY INTEREST IN *BECOMING* A FREEDOM FIGHTER.

I'M GONNA DIE ON STAGE, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.

THE NEXT TIME SHE WANTED TO JOIN US, SHE DECIDED TO USE SONIC'S BILLIONTH MAGIC RING TO WISH HERSELF OLDER.*

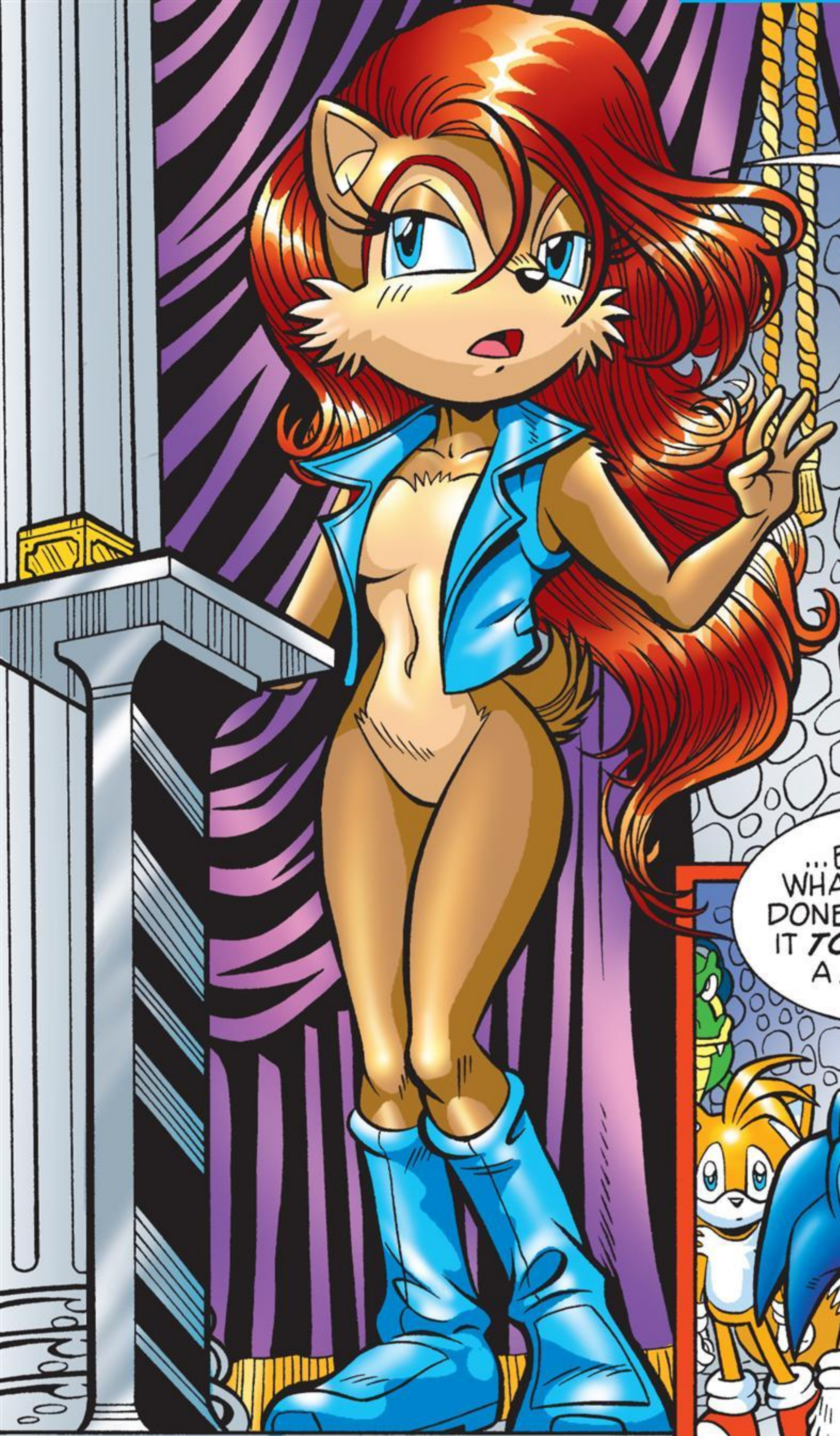
* IN SONIC #s 79-80

AND THOUGH SHE WAS *OLDER PHYSICALLY*, SHE WAS STILL VERY *YOUNG AND IMMATURE, MENTALLY*.

AT LEAST, UNTIL *NOW*. I THINK AMY HAS *GROWN* TO BE A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY...

...INSIDE AND OUT.

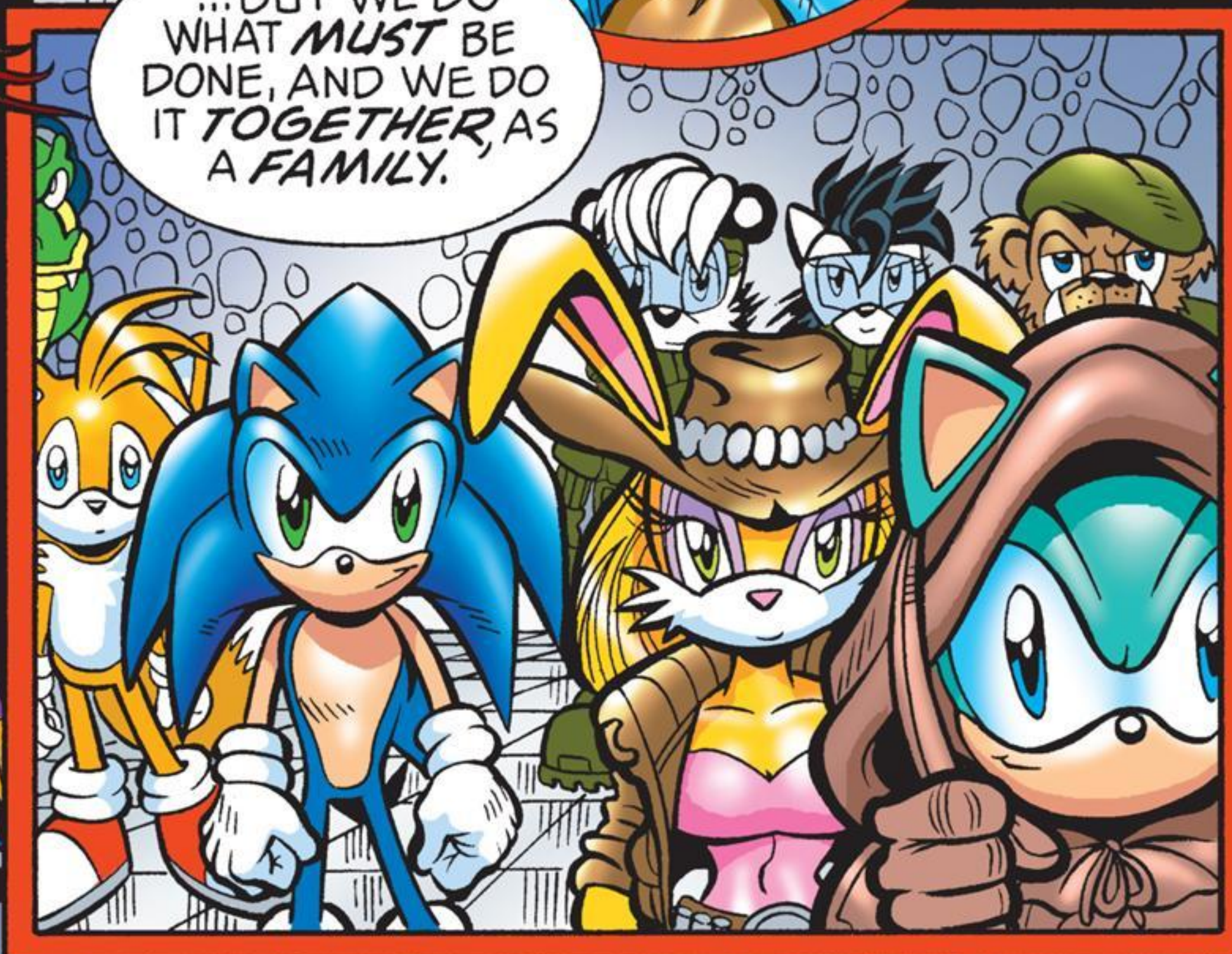
TH-THANK YOU, PRINCESS SALLY.



I *HATE* THIS WAR WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING AGAINST **ROBOTNIK**. IN A WAY, WE'VE ALL BEEN *FIGHTING* IT ALL OUR LIVES.

WE'VE HAD *GREAT VICTORIES* AND *TERRIBLE LOSSES* OVER THE YEARS...

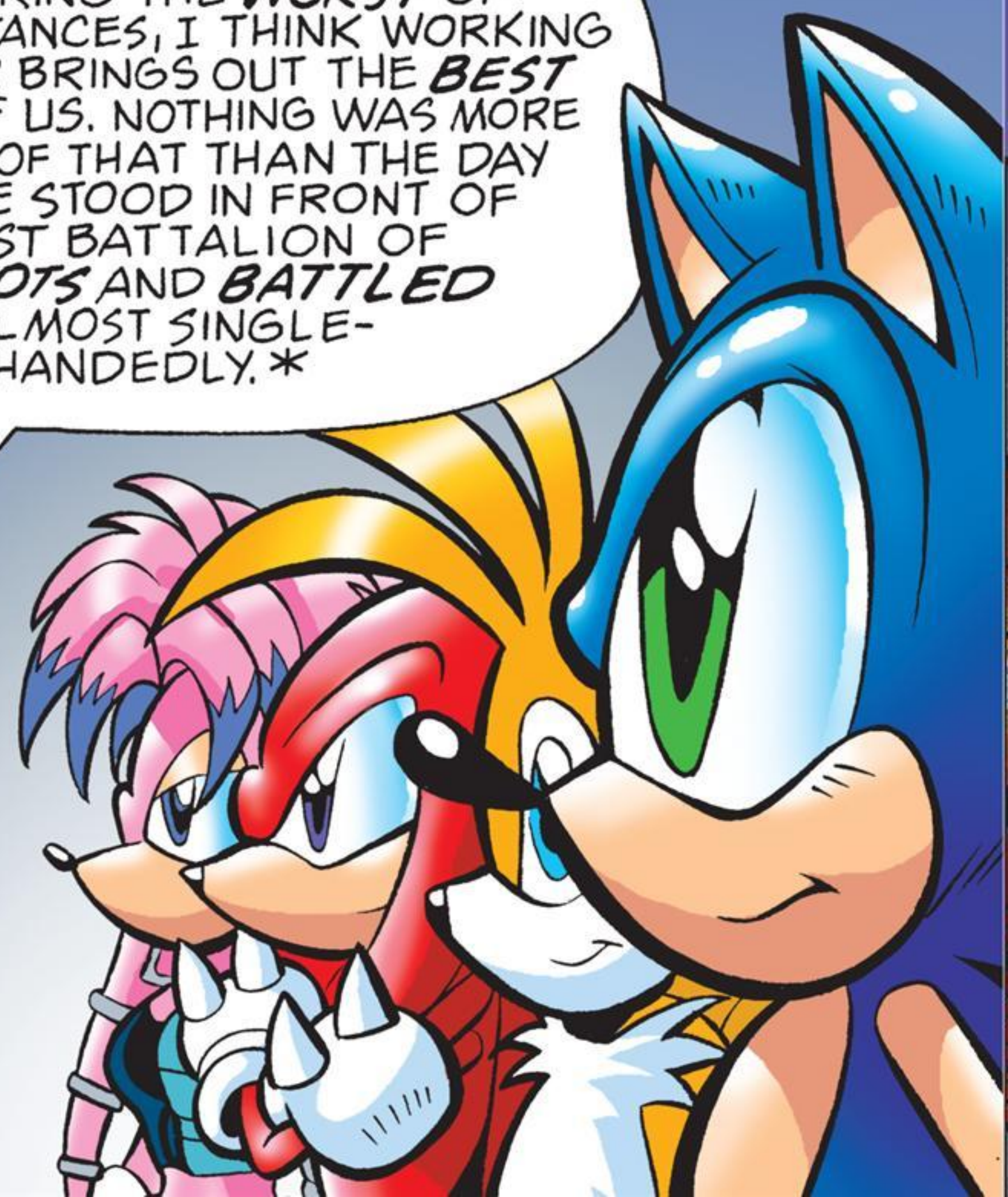
...BUT WE DO WHAT *MUST* BE DONE, AND WE DO IT *TOGETHER*, AS A *FAMILY*.



EVEN DURING THE *WORST* OF CIRCUMSTANCES, I THINK WORKING TOGETHER BRINGS OUT THE *BEST* IN EACH OF US. NOTHING WAS MORE *EVIDENT* OF THAT THAN THE DAY AMY ROSE STOOD IN FRONT OF THE FIRST BATTALION OF *SWATBOTS* AND *BATTLED* THEM ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY.*



*IN SONIC # 132.



WITH A
LITTLE HELP
FROM MY
**PIKO-PIKO
HAMMER.**

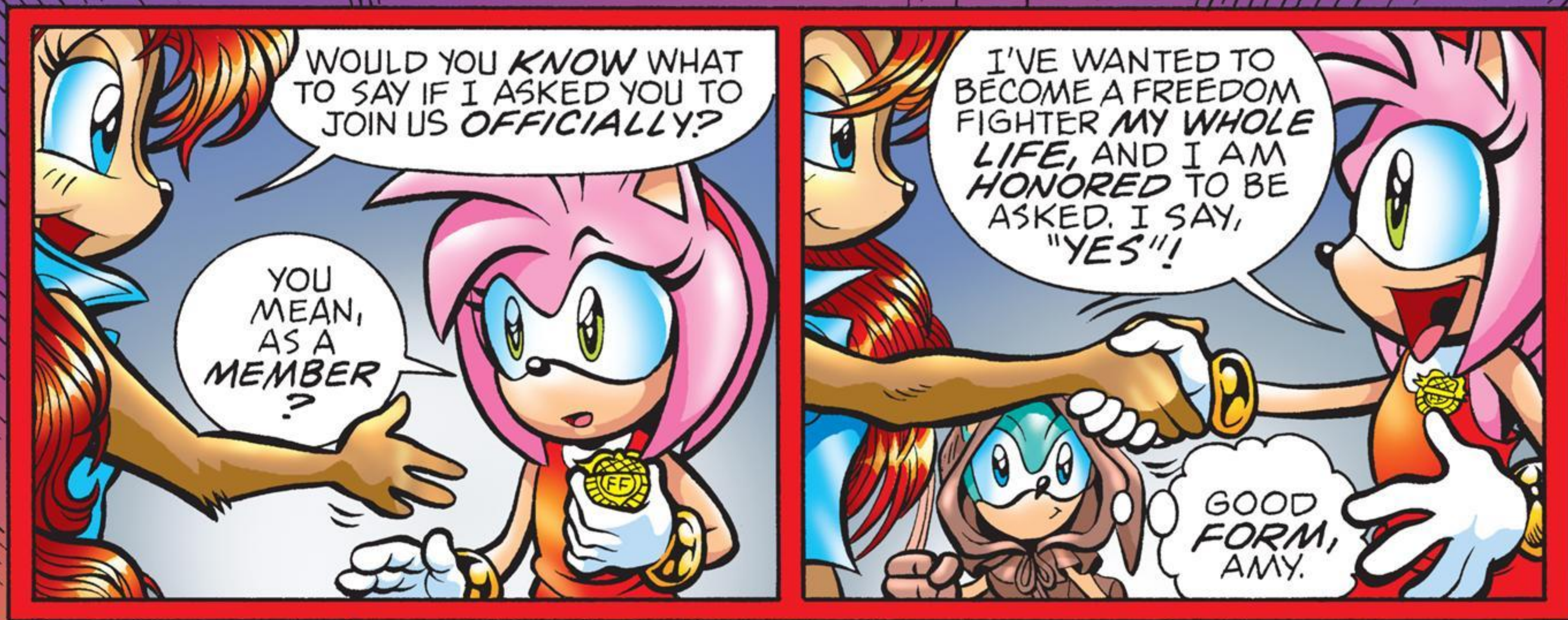
SORRY.

NO, NO...
YOU'RE **RIGHT**.
IF I'M GOING
TO TELL THE
STORY, I HAVE
TO TELL IT
RIGHT.

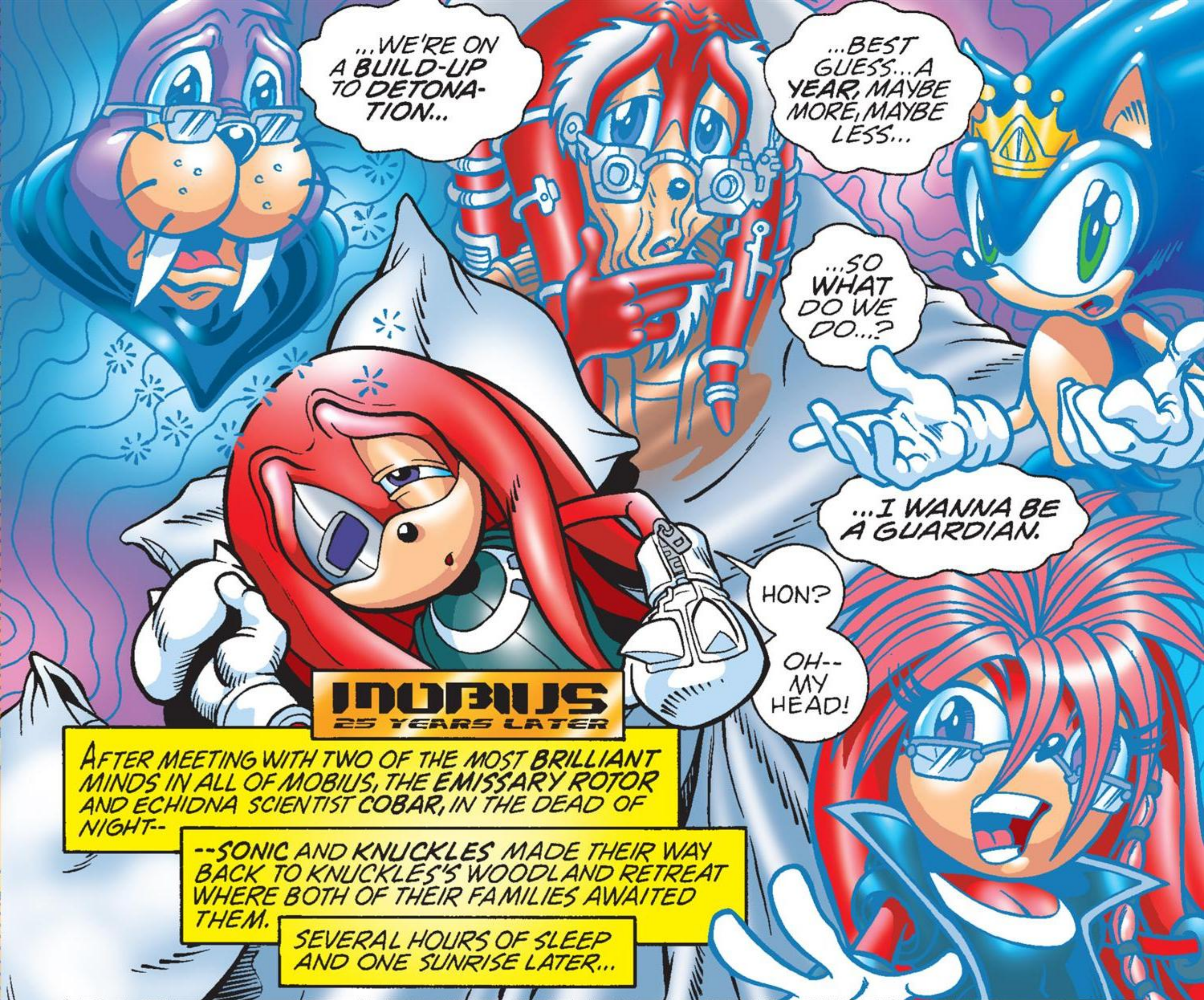
**AMY (AND HER
PIKO-PIKO HAMMER)**
GAVE EVERYONE AT
FORT ACORN THE TIME
NEEDED TO PLAN A
GOOD DEFENSE AGAINST
THE **SECOND**, AND MUCH
DEADLIER, BATTALION
OF '**BOTS**, AND SAVED US
ALL FROM **NUCLEAR
FALLOUT**.

THAT IS WHY **TODAY**, WE ARE
HONORING AMY ROSE HEDGEHOG
WITH THE **ACORN MEDAL OF VALOR**.

I-I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO
SAY.



END

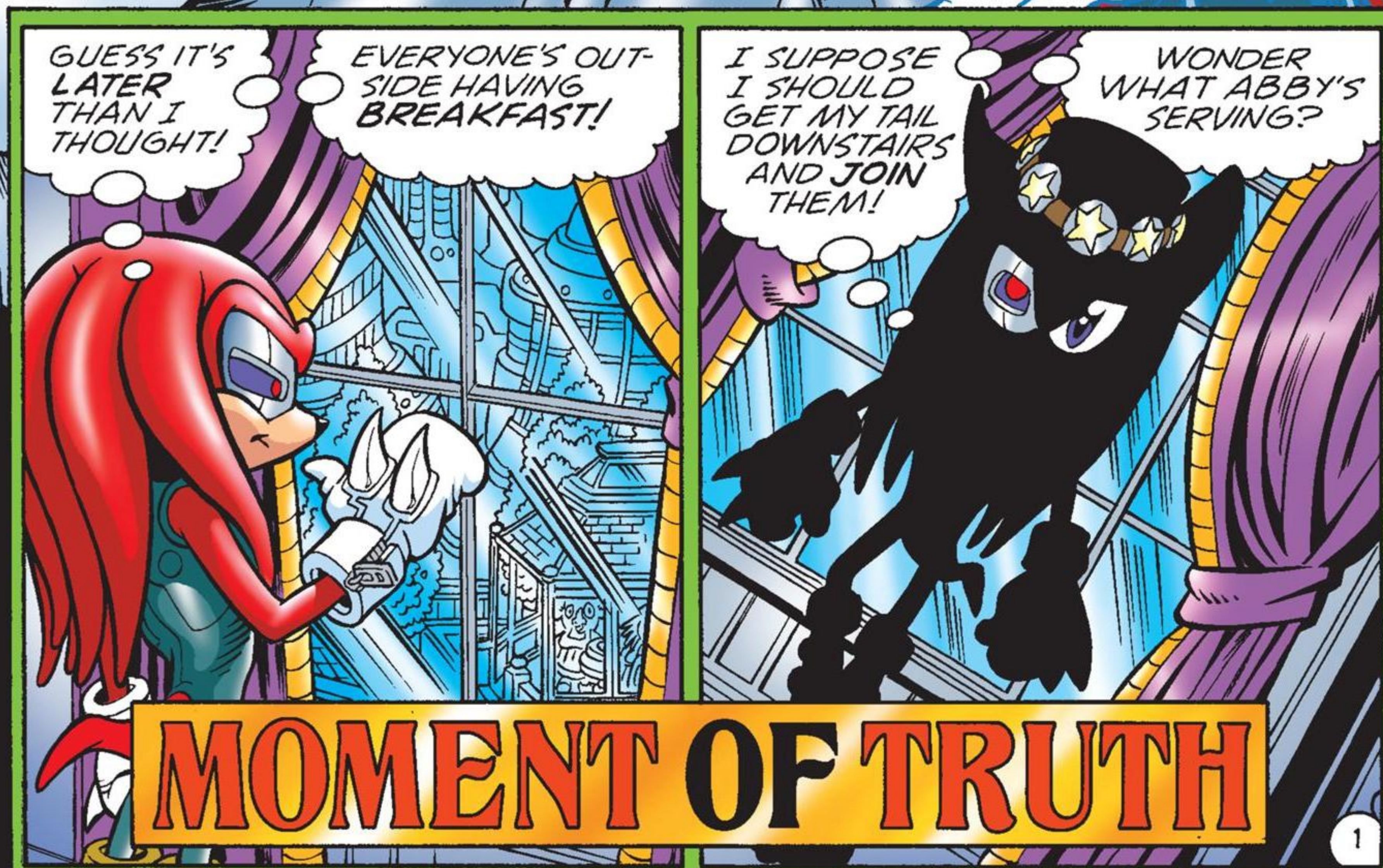


MOBIUS 25 YEARS LATER

AFTER MEETING WITH TWO OF THE MOST BRILLIANT MINDS IN ALL OF MOBIUS, THE EMISSARY ROTOR AND ECHIDNA SCIENTIST COBAR, IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT--

--SONIC AND KNUCKLES MADE THEIR WAY BACK TO KNUCKLES'S WOODLAND RETREAT WHERE BOTH OF THEIR FAMILIES AWAITED THEM.

SEVERAL HOURS OF SLEEP AND ONE SUNRISE LATER...



MOMENT OF TRUTH

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OH,
DAD!

THERE
YOU ARE!

GOT A
MINUTE?

LARA-
SU!

DON'T
DO
THAT!

SOMEONE
COULD GET
A HEART
ATTACK!

ESPECIALLY
ME!

SO WHAT BRINGS YOU BANG-
ING DOWN THE DOORS...?

I MET AN **OLD
FRIEND** OF YOURS
THE OTHER DAY

--AND HE
ASKED
IF YOU
HAVE
BEGUN
**TRAIN-
ING** ME
YET!



...SIGH...

YOU
NEVER
GIVE UP,
DO YOU?

NOPE!
NOT UNTIL
YOU GIVE
ME A
CHANCE!

THIS ISN'T
SOME **TRY-
OUT** FOR
EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES
AT
SCHOOL!

BESIDES, I
THOUGHT I
MADE MY
DECISION
CLEAR
AND
FINAL!*

ISN'T IT POSSIBLE ONE MAY
CHANGE THEIR **MIND**?

IT'S CALLED
ACCEPTING THE
CONSEQUENCES
OF ONE'S ACTIONS!

THAT'S SO
UNFAIR!

*SONIC
131.

"YEAH, SO'S
LIFE! BY
THE WAY,
WHICH OLD
FRIEND...?"

WE HAVE A
PROBLEM!

THE *SIMULATIONS*
AREN'T PROVIDING US
WITH ENOUGH DATA
NECESSARY TO WORK
OUT A CORRECTIVE
FORMULA!

MY BIGGEST
FEARS HAVE BEEN
REALIZED--

--AND I'M AT A
LOSS AS TO MAKING
A SUGGESTION!

INSUFFICIENT
DATA

INSUFFICIENT
DATA

INSUFFICIENT

HOW CAN WE
POSSIBLY
COME UP WITH
A SOLUTION
TO A PROBLEM
REQUIRING
LONG-TERM
OBSERVATION--

--WHEN
TIME IS
THE ONE
COMMODITY
WE DON'T
HAVE?

TIME?
DID YOU
SAY
TIME?

MAYBE
THAT'S
OUR
ANSWER!

MY DEAR
ROTOR--AND I
SAY THIS WITH
AFFECTION AND
RESPECT--

WHAT
IF--WE
WERE
ABLE
TO--

--BUT
HAVE
YOU
GONE
MAD?

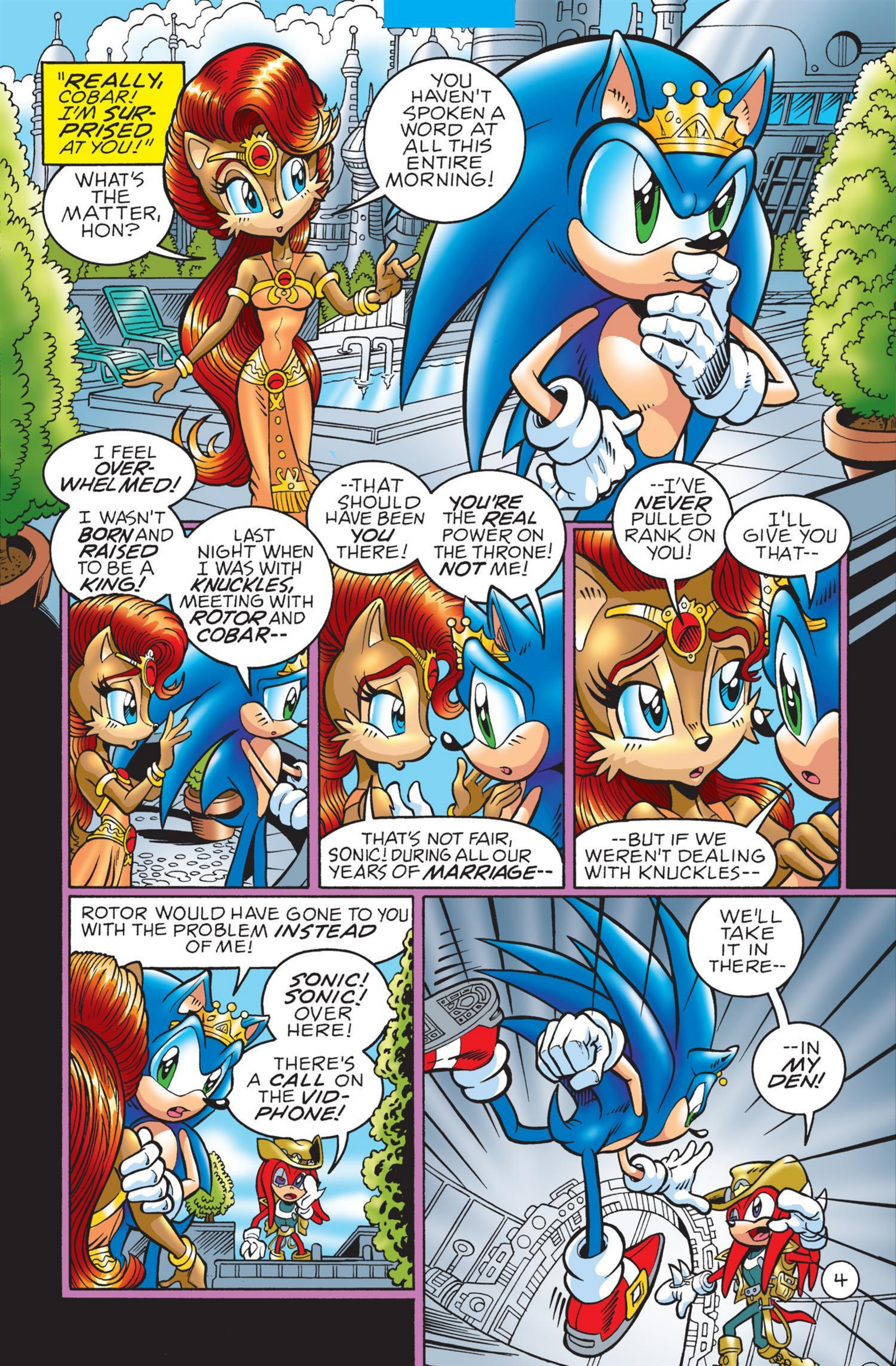
--GO BACK
IN TIME?

EVEN WERE SUCH A CON-
CEPT POSSIBLE, IT'S A
FIELD OF RE-SEARCH
WHICH ECHIDNA
SCIENTISTS ARE
BANNED FROM
EXPLOR-
ING!

IT'S NOT THE
ECHIDNA SCIENTISTS
I HAD IN MIND!

IF NOT THEM,
WHERE ON
THIS ENTIRE
WORLD--

--WOULD YOU
FIND ACCESS TO
SUCH TECH-
NOLOGY.?



"REALLY, COBAR! I'M SURPRISED AT YOU!"

WHAT'S THE MATTER, HON?

YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN A WORD AT ALL THIS ENTIRE MORNING!

I FEEL OVERWHELMED!

I WASN'T BORN AND RAISED TO BE A KING!

LAST NIGHT WHEN I WAS WITH KNUCKLES, MEETING WITH ROTOR AND COBAR--

--THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU THERE!

YOU'RE THE REAL POWER ON THE THRONE! NOT ME!

--I'VE NEVER PULLED RANK ON YOU!

I'LL GIVE YOU THAT--

THAT'S NOT FAIR, SONIC! DURING ALL OUR YEARS OF MARRIAGE--

--BUT IF WE WEREN'T DEALING WITH KNUCKLES--

ROTOR WOULD HAVE GONE TO YOU WITH THE PROBLEM *INSTEAD* OF ME!

SONIC! SONIC! OVER HERE!

THERE'S A CALL ON THE VID-PHONE!

WE'LL TAKE IT IN THERE--

--IN MY DEN!

ALL
RIGHT,
GUYS!
WE'RE
ALL
EARS!

DESPITE ALL
OF OUR BEST
EFFORTS, WE
CAN COME UP
WITH ONLY ONE
WORKABLE
SOLUTION!

AND TO
EVEN MAKE AN
ATTEMPT,
WE'RE GOING TO
NEED THE KING'S
AUTHORIZA-
TION!

MINE?
FOR
WHAT?

SIRE,
WE REQUIRE
ACCESS TO
ROBOTNIK'S
TACHYON
DISPLACE-
MENT
CHAMBER!

IT
WOULD
ALLOW US
TO SEND
BACK SOME-
ONE TO
COLLECT
THE NEEDED
DATA!

WHY, BACK IN TIME,
KING SONIC!

BACK TWENTY-FIVE
YEARS AGO, TO BE
MORE PRECISE--

--TO THE POINT
WHERE WE'VE
CALCULATED--

OUR MAJOR
CONCERN
HOWEVER, IS
THAT WHOEVER
GOES BACK--

--MIGHT NOT
BE ABLE TO
RETURN!

SEND BACK?
SEND BACK WHERE?

--WHEN THE PROBLEM
ORIGINATED!

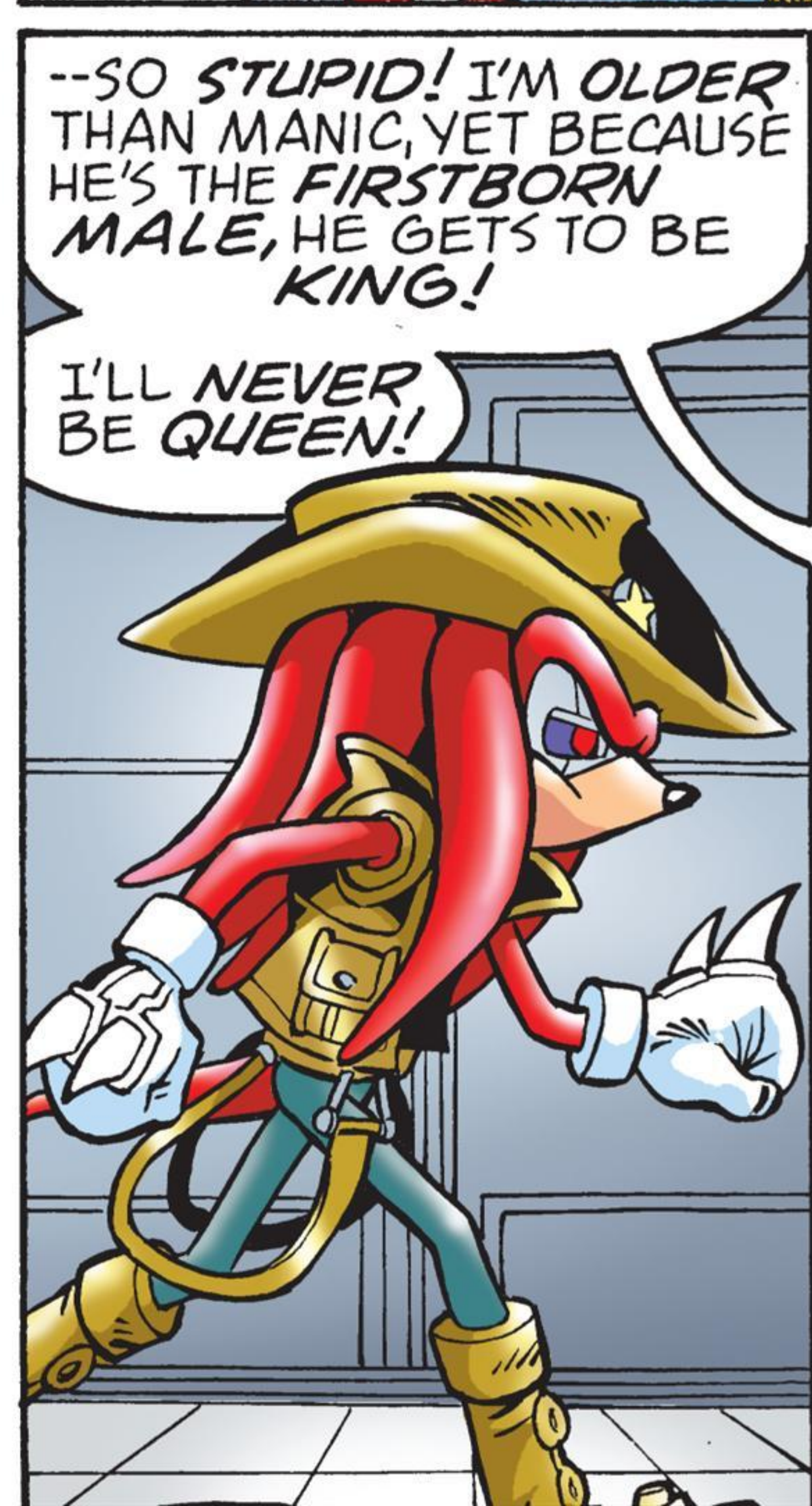
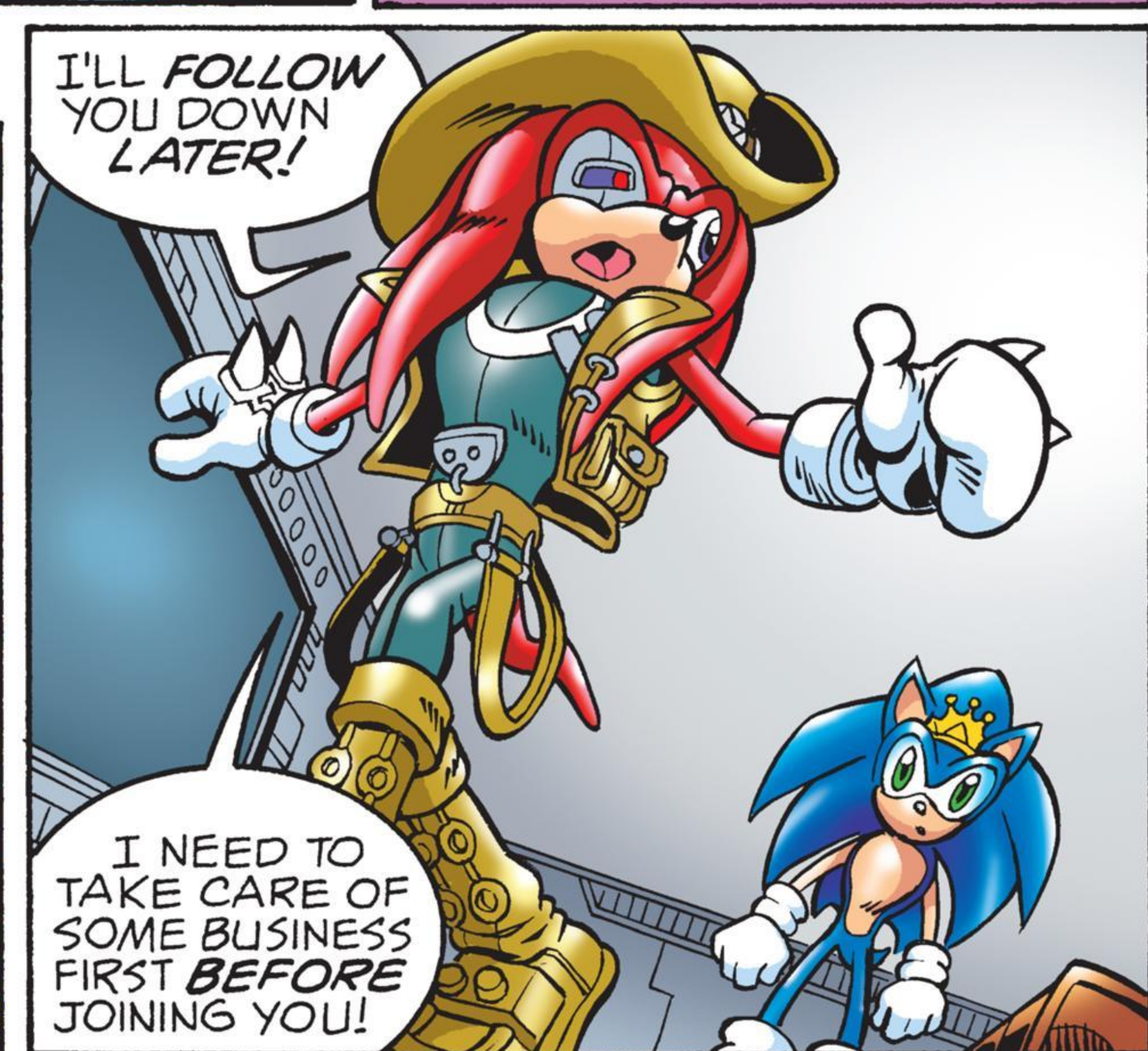
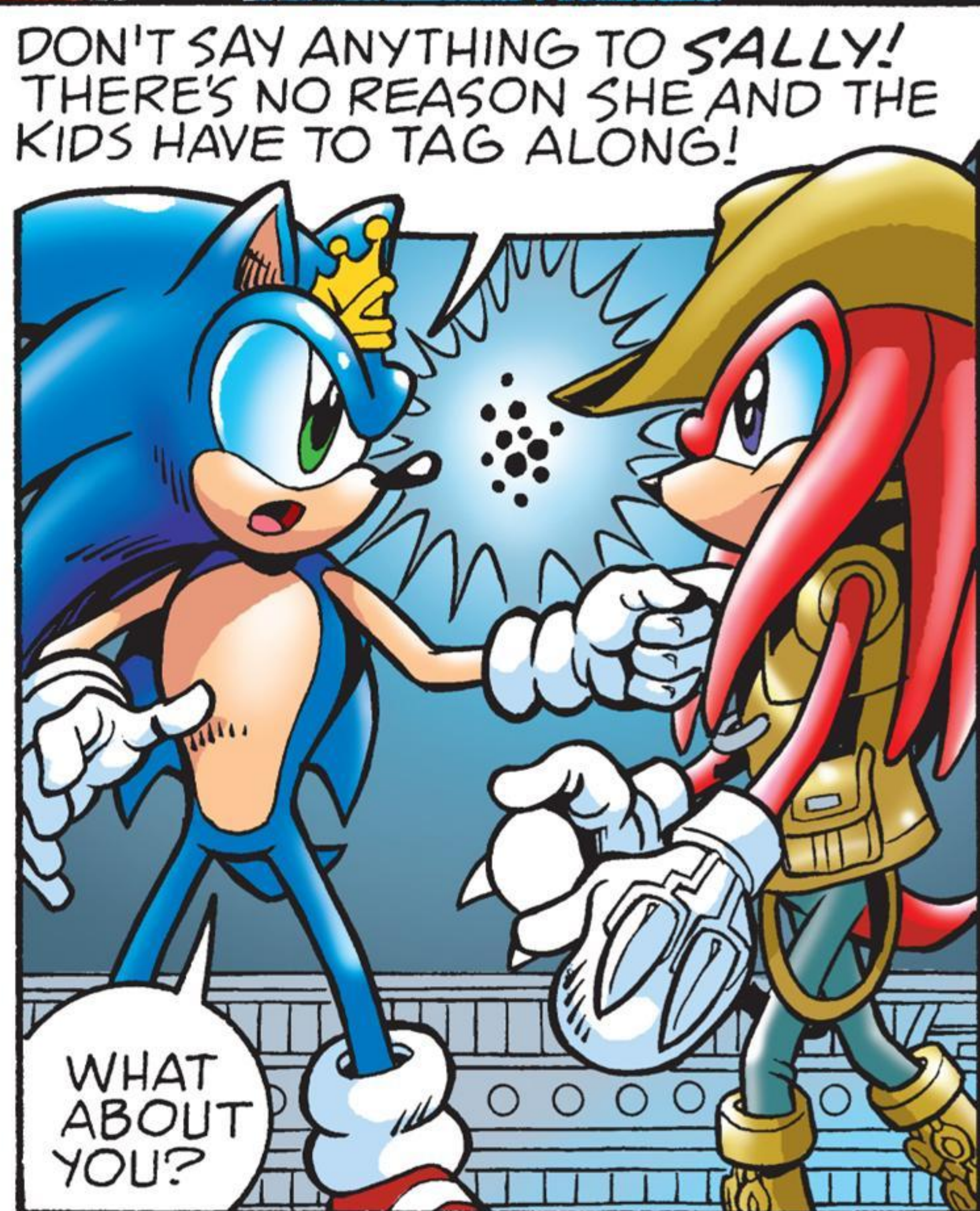
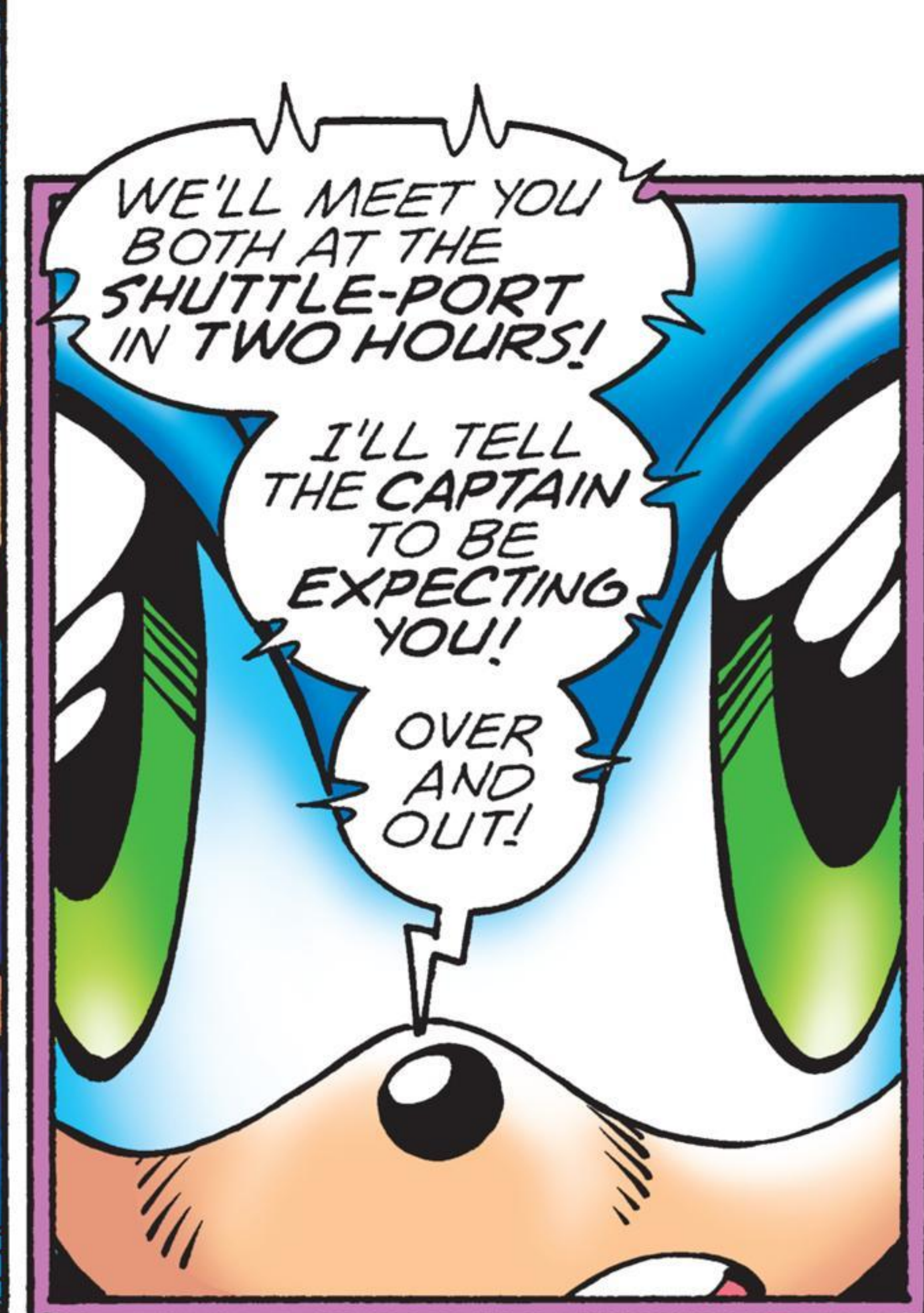
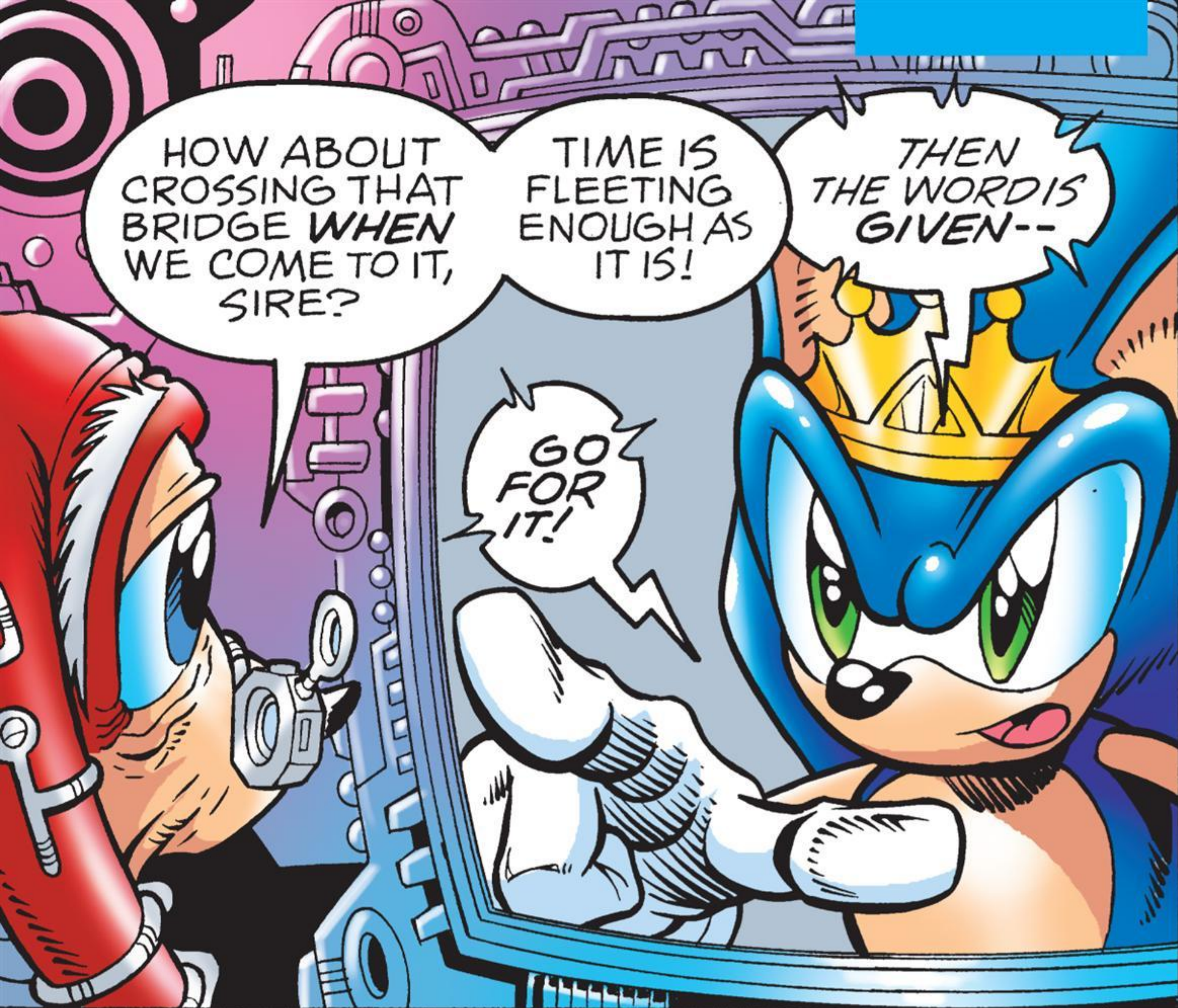
THAT'S
ASSUMING
THIS DEVICE
WORKS AS
ADVERTISED!

ONCE THE KING
GIVES THE WORD,
WE'LL FLY OUT TO
THE STORAGE SITE
WHERE HE HAD
ROTOR SECURE IT!

WE HOPE--

--TO HAVE IT
OPERATIONAL
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE
AFTER THAT!

AND IF,
AFTER ALL THIS,
WE'RE NOT
SUCCESSFUL--?



To Be Continued...